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Firework is thrown from car at teenage friends

THREE teenagers escaped potentially serious injury after a lit firework was thrown at them from a car.

The youngsters were walking along Unicorn Road in Oswestry when a red car stopped next to them.

Those inside the car threw eggs and then a lit firework in their direction.

The firework just missed the group and the car sped away from the scene. One of the youngsters, Kevin Hall, 16, said the firework just missed him and his friends and landed on the footpath.

His mother Liz warned the consequences could have been a lot worse.

She said: "At first he said eggs were thrown, and then a firework appeared and just missed the three of them.

"It was so dangerous. If it was another person, maybe an old lady or an old man, it could have been much more serious.

"I called the police straight away when he got home and I put something on social media just to warn other people. I don't want this to happen to them."

Kevin was left shaken by the ordeal, as was Becky Owen who was driving behind the car.

She said it stopped in the road, and at first she thought a cigarette had been thrown out of the window, but when it landed near her car she realised it was something much bigger.

She said: "I was driving and the car in front, which I remember was red, slowed right down. Then I noticed some kind of spark coming out of the driver's window.

"When I saw how big it was I realised it was a firework.

"It landed just by my car door and it went off with a massive explosion."

The incident happened on Tuesday last week. West Mercia Police confirmed it had received a report of a firework being thrown from a car.

COLLEGE MERGER DECISION LOOMS

Report by Jonny Drury

A CRUNCH decision on whether Oswestry's North Shropshire College will merge with another organisation could be made next month, bosses have revealed.

The college had been in talks with Reaseheath College in Nantwich for over a year.

Ian Clinton

However, due to a lack of funds a merger deal was called off at the last minute in August.

A meeting will take place in December to decide if further plans will be put in place or if the college will remain on its own.

Principal Ian Clinton said: "We have been in talks with a number of colleges in the surrounding area and we have had a number of interested parties.

"They will be invited to come in and speak to the governing body and then we will look towards the next stage and see if we will go for another merger."

Mr Clinton, who was appointed in August, insisted a merger was not essential to the long term future of the college. However, he said it could provide savings and a better quality of education to the students.

He added: "A merger is not essential at all and we have to decide if that is the route we want to go down."

The news comes as another college in the Oswestry area this week won planning approval for a major improvement programme.

The specialist Derwen College in Gobowen had applied to Shropshire Council to alter its sports facilities. The work will include the installation of a new roof for the swimming pool building and a new reception and lobby area to the gym building. A new state-of-the-art hydrotherapy facility will also be developed.

Tributes to be paid to country's war fallen

Park Hall Countryside Experience staff member Lucy Jones in the site's recreated trenches network. Photo: David Hamilton.

REMEMBRANCE Day will be particularly poignant at a visitor attraction near Oswestry that has major historical links to both the First and Second World Wars.

Last year trenches were dug at Park Hall Countryside Experience to resemble those on the front line during the 1914-18 war.

They have been visited by thousands of people, many of whom had relatives that were in the war.

Attraction co-owner Richard Powell said that Park Hall played an important role during the First World War as one of the largest training camps in the country.

It was established in 1915 and huge numbers of soldiers, including war poet Wilfred Owen, spent time at the camp on their way to the front. Training trenches were built at the camp. Mr Powell said: "We also have a lot of school trips who come to see the trenches as part of the history lessons.

"They can read about and see pictures of trenches in books but coming here brings the past to life. The countryside attraction is also home to the official Welsh Guards collection of medals and memorabilia.

"We have very strong links to the Welsh Guards and the military."

A number of parades and services will take place on Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday this weekend in the Oswestry and Welshpool areas in tribute to the war fallen.

EMPLOYMENT

New hotel beside Llangollen Canal will provide a jobs boost

TEN new jobs will be created after planning permission was granted to build a 26-bedroom budget hotel near Oswestry.

Marston's had applied to build on land next to the Poachers pub and restaurant in Chirk Bank.

The plans for the hotel also include 30 extra car parking spaces and alterations to the existing beer garden and play area at the pub.

The pub is popular with canal boaters and walkers, with its position being right next to the Llangollen Canal.

Weston Rhyn Parish Council gave no objection to the application in principle and acknowledged the importance of "job creation for local people and the demand for economic hotel accommodation in this area".

However councillors said attention should be paid to the fact the development will be on a World Heritage Site buffer zone and that Shropshire Council should consider the effect of this development on the site very carefully to ensure there was no negative impact.

The plans are part of Marston's nationwide development programme to provide overnight accommodation on selected sites across its estate.

CRIME

Pair jailed for part in drugs operation

A MOTHER and daughter from Welshpool have been jailed for their part in a major drugs operation.

Anthea Bagnall and her daughter Kareen were first arrested in January after police found them with £5,000 worth of crack cocaine in a car in Birmingham.

The pair were jailed for nine years for conspiracy to supply Class A drugs. The pair had been drug runners in a huge crime syndicate which supplied heroin, crack cocaine and guns.

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'Shambolic' rail services come under fire from MPs

Report by Sue Austin

RAIL services run by Arriva Trains Wales have been branded "shambolic" after it was announced the firm has pulled out of the bidding process for the Wales and Border franchise.

Local MPs say the news has come as no surprise following scores of complaints about the level of service.

The company announced last week that it intended to withdraw from the bidding process for the next Wales and Borders rail franchise. It was one of four rail providers shortlisted as the preferred bidders for services on the new franchise which will begin in October. But the existing franchise holder said it had been proud to provide rail transport for Wales and the borders for 14 years.

The routes through Shropshire include the Shrewsbury to Chester, Shrewsbury to Aberystwyth and Cardiff to Shrewsbury.

Shrewsbury MP Daniel Kawczynski said people in Shrewsbury had been very dissatisfied with the service which included overcrowding and poor punctuality.

He said: "The current service is shambolic." North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson said: "We need newer, larger, faster, cleaner and more reliable trains. There is just not enough room on these trains at the moment."

He said the last franchise had been based on a wrong assumption of falling passenger numbers.

Mr Paterson said: "The Labour administration in Cardiff asked for bids based on declining passenger number and got it completely wrong. Arriva won the bid with minimum investment and then passenger numbers rocketed.

"We must insist that the new franchise includes a half-hourly service from Shrewsbury to Birmingham Airport and Shrewsbury to Manchester Airport."

Arriva Trains Wales's parent company Arriva said it "had been proud" providing rail transport in Wales for almost 14 years.

It said: "We remain fully committed to delivering for our customers."

Picture frames and table fly-tipped in lane

The mound of houshold items and furniture found by the police in a country lane near Hengoed, Oswestry

PICTURE frames, cupboards and a table were among a mound of material fly-tipped on a back lane near Oswestry.

Oswestry Safer Neighbourhood Team discovered the pile of wood and rubbish on on lanes near Hengoed. The incident has been reported to Shropshire Council and the team is appealing for information regarding the incident. A spokesperson for the team said: "There was no evidence to link it to the offender.

"The council have been informed for removal and an appeal has been sent out on Twitter for any information."

Figures show that Shropshire Council had recorded a zero figure for collection penalties issued for fly-tipping.

Despite this, Shropshire Council insisted that it was taking action on environmental offences. Robert Macey, Shropshire Council's cabinet member for regulatory services, said: "Many individuals have received written warnings for various environmental crimes – mainly littering – when witnessed by Shropshire Council officers. This is the level of enforcement used before the possibility of a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued. This approach is consistent with the council's enforcement policy and is, in the main, an appropriate and proportionate response to such matters. Such a written warning will often change an individual's behaviour and reduce the likelihood of them re-offending in the future, which is the main intention behind any enforcement action taken by the council."

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Action is required on £36m black hole

COUNCIL finance bosses have warned "decisive action" is needed to get the authority's worsening finances under control.

The warning came as proposals to deal with a £36 million black hole are to be examined by Shropshire Council's scrutiny committee. Shropshire Council's latest financial strategy has seen officers reveal that the council needs to make an extra £12 million of savings for 2018/19 – on top of the £24 million it was already tasked with finding. A number of measures to tackle the situation, which were included in the report, were agreed at the council's cabinet meeting in October. Chief finance officer, James Walton said that "decisive action in the short term is critical to bring this worsening situation under control".

A paper outlines a number of reasons for the increase in the amount of money the authority needs to save.

They include growing demand in children's services, growth in adult services, and the "cumulative impact of changes and loss in funding that are, nevertheless, tied to the statutory delivery of services". Mr Walton's report says the council is also facing increased inflation on major contracts.

Man, 80, trapped in car after crash

AN 80-year-old man was trapped in his car after a crash near Oswestry on Wednesday last week.

The accident happened on the A495 at Llynclys, close to the Blodwel quarry junction and Lime Kiln pub at about 12.15pm and involved two cars.

Emergency services were quickly on the scene including paramedics and fire crews from Oswestry, Ellesmere and Wellington.

Firefighters released the man, who was a passenger in one of the cars. He was taken to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital with leg and shoulder pain.

Venue looking to bring dance scene to town

Report by Jonny Drury

A MUSIC venue and bar which closed down over a year ago has been given a new lease of life.

The Ironworks on Church Street in Oswestry has in the past been a popular music venue for local bands and musicians.

It has been unused for well over a year but now the building has been leased out and taken over.

James Selv, from Oswestry, who runs Secret Sound System has been installed as events manager as he looks to bring a dance scene back to Oswestry.

A private DJ night was held recently, and the official re-opening of the venue took place on Friday last week.

Mr Selv said there is a gap in the market for a dance venue in Oswestry, and believes this is the perfect opportunity.

He said: "I've been doing the Secret Sound System and we do all the sound systems for the events at The Workhouse at Llanfyllin.

"I don't know all the details of who purchased the building, but a friend of mine leases the building and wants me to run it as events manager.

"There is a gap in the market for dance events in Oswestry.

"Ever since The Vic closed there hasn't been anything like that around here.

"The Ironworks has closed in the past but we are hoping this just gives Oswestry something a little different."

The inside of the building was in good shape when Mr Selv took over the running of it.

The upstairs area will be used to hire out for events, and downstairs will host theme nights, with the first being a Bierhaus German night last weekend.

The venue will be open on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Mr Selv, who used to run record stores in the town, added: "It is quite a while since the Ironworks was open so it is good to get it back open.

"It is ready to go, we've got a lot of events planned and we hope it will be a success."

Youngsters' spooktacular festival fun

Members of the Junior Very Nice Production Company entertain during the Halloween Festival

HUNDREDS of youngsters enjoyed Oswestry's first Halloween Festival.

Children and their parents dressed in a wide array of Halloween costumes or were made up as zombies to take part in the event at Festival Square.

The festival was organised by Oswestry Cambrian Rotary Club.

Mayor Vince Hunt, together with club president Ian Slipper judged the best carved pumpkin competition and the best costume competitions and presented the prizes.

Rotarian and town councillor Jay Moore entertained the crowd with some fire breathing.

One of the highlights of the evening was the Zombie Walk, led by the Junior Very Nice Production Company. Members danced to the tune of Michael Jackson's "Thriller" to start the Zombie Walk. Organiser Mike Lade said: "It was great to see so many children getting involved and having fun with Halloween. Halloween is here to stay and seems to get bigger every year so we, as a club, decided to embrace the day in a positive and safe way."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Celebrations are held by club

THE Inner Wheel Club of Welshpool has held its 44th charter night celebration.

The club's special celebration was held at The Royal Oak Hotel on October 17.

Members were joined by Rotarians, family and friends.

President Sue Williams lit the friendship candle.

After an excellent meal the audience was entertained with a selection of humorous songs by Flanders and Swann, performed by Bill Rowell with Philip Harratt at the piano.

The November meeting will be card making.

New group will discuss dementia

POWYS Library Service and a registered charity have joined forces to offer people a way to discuss dementia and related mental health issues.

Ponthafren Association in Welshpool has created 'A little Aloud', a reading and discussion group which will run every Monday from 2.30pm to 4pm at Ponthafren on Broad Street.

The session will allow participants to come along to join short story and poetry reading group sessions followed by discussions. Carers, family members and those with the condition are welcome to attend.

To book a place or find out more information contact either Welshpool library or call Ponthafren on (01938) 552770 or go to www.ponthafren.org.uk

Quiz night will be held in pub

A QUIZ night will be held at the Green Dragon in Buttington near Welshpool on November 23.

The quiz starts at 7pm. The event is organised by members of Cefn Chapel, Buttington. Freda Davies, from the organising group, said: "You will be very welcome to come as part of a team of four or as individuals. Admission is £2.50 each. There are various prizes to win and this will be a fun evening out .

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Winner – Jane Dodds

Party leadership honour for Dodds

A CANDIDATE for Montgomeryshire's Parliamentary and Welsh Assembly seats has been elected as the leader of the Welsh Liberal Democrats.

Jane Dodds was elected by members as the party's new leader, beating Ceredigion candidate Elizabeth Evans in a keenly-fought contest. Ms Dodds, a child protection social worker, has in the past stood as the party's Parliamentary and Welsh Assembly candidate for Montgomeryshire but was unsuccessful.

She takes over the role as Welsh Liberal Democrats leader from acting leader Kirsty Williams immediately.

Ms Dodds said: "It is an honour to have been elected as the next leader of the Welsh Liberal Democrats – to focus my energy on bringing like minded people together to rebuild our party and to re-establish the Welsh Liberal Democrats as the radical, progressive force of Welsh politics.

"Wales needs the Welsh Liberal Democrats now more than ever.

"We have been down, but we aren't out, and I'm confident of what lies ahead for my party."

Villages are 'choked due to A5 delays' says councillor

Report by Sue Austin

COUNTRY roads and villages are being choked by traffic because motorists are fed up with constant hold-ups on the A5, it has been claimed.

Drivers are using routes as rat-runs day-after-day, a councillor has said.

Among the worst places affected were said to be Baschurch and Ruyton-Xl-Towns near Oswestry, which see heavy lorries, vans and cars constantly travelling through. Shropshire Councillor Nick Bardsley, represents both villages and has backed the Chronicle's sister paper the Shropshire Star's Dual-It campaign calling for the route to be upgraded to a dual carriageway

He also backed North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson in his work to see the road improved.

"The Shropshire Star and Owen Paterson's good work campaigning to see the A5 dualled can only help the cause," Councillor Bardsley said. "If the A5 was dualled between the Churncote roundabout outside Shrewsbury and the Welsh border, it would transform the lives of those living in Ruyton and Baschurch."

Councillor Bardsley said he believed 75 per cent of traffic going through the two villages was through traffic.

"It is travelling south on the A5 and turns left at the Shotatton crossroads. Lorries, vans, cars, all going through Ruyton and onto Baschurch where they turn right and through the busy village with its two schools," he said. "It goes onto Walford, Leaton and out to the Harlescott area."

The Shropshire Star's petition has almost 4,000 online signatures.

To sign up, follow the link at www.shropshirestar.com

Motorists given delays warning

MOTORISTS using the A5 north of Oswestry could be set for delays as work is carried out on waste water pipes.

Welsh Water is carrying out works starting from Monday with the works likely to be finished by the end of January.

The work will be on upgrades to the waste water mains which run underneath the A5 from the Halton roundabout near Chirk towards Llangollen.

Most of the work will be carried out within the surrounding fields, however work will be done on a section that goes under the A5.

Welsh Water have been liaising with the landowner of the fields and will be sending out information letters to local residents.

The water company have been working closely with organisations to minimise disruption.

Health bar will help us eat well

Businessman Tom Brown toasts the success of his new health bar venture

AFTER months of hard work, Oswestry's first health food bar is open.

Health food bars have been popping up all over the country as people turn to clean eating as a way to become healthier.

People in Oswestry will now have that chance, as businessman Tom Brown opened up his HEAT Health Bar on Cross Street.

Mr Brown, who part owns Active 8 gym and The Meat Man in the town, wanted to give the people of Oswestry something different.

The new café has created six jobs, including a chef, and Mr Brown is excited to get going.

He said: "The response we have had from people coming in wishing us well, and just the community in general, has been great.

"It gives people a different option for their food, a healthier option, and it is what the people wanted and we are giving it to them."

The site allows customers to pick their fresh meat, vegetables and carbohydrates to take away or eat in the café. Soon they will be offering a full meal prep service.

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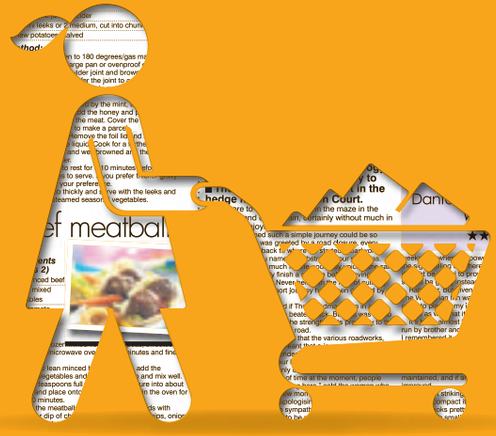

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Heartbroken parents tell of hospice's vital support

Report by Shirley Tart

A GRIEVING couple have spoken of how Hope House Children's Hospice at Morda near Oswestry helped them after the tragic loss of their young son.

Arthur Mullis was just two years old when he passed away, leaving his parents Nick and Alison heartbroken. Nick remembers those moments as he recalls: "I said to Alison 'he fought so hard and he wants to rest now. He just wants to sleep'."

Arthur died in 2014 but the memories remain vivid and real.

Only after they lost their little boy, did they truly find Hope House.

Alison said: "We belong to a theatre club which has raised money for the children's hospice for ages.

"But we didn't really know anything very much about it.

"After Arthur died, we just didn't know what to do. What do you do?"

The family was pointed towards Hope House and its Snowflake Suite – there for when little ones die and giving families the chance to be with them for as long as they want.

Nick says: "When Arthur was still in the hospital, I tried to hold his hand but it had stiffened up. When we went to the Snowflake Room at Hope House, I could hold his hand then, it was so soft."

The couple are supporting a new fundraising initiative in support of the hospice.

As part of the campaign leaflets have been created by each member of Arthur's family with mum, dad, big sisters Mia and Katie, to show the effect that losing their precious child was having on the family.

Three local families every week face the devastation of losing their child and Hope House can only afford to help one of them.

Director of fundraising and marketing, Simi Epstein, says: "We need £6.3 million each year to run the service and even that needs to be increased and eventually we shall need an extra £4 million a year so that we can reach everyone who needs us.

"Yet on each January 2 when we come back to the hospice, our account is at zero."

People can donate by visiting the website at hopehouse.org.uk/donate

Nick and Alison Mullis and, inset, their beloved son Arthur who died aged just two

Search for new social services boss

THE search is under way for a new head of social services at an under-pressure council.

Powys County Council has advertised the post, which pays between £100,000 and £104,000, in the wake of a recent damning report into children's services.

A Care and Social Services Inspectorate for Wales report found the council had put children at serious risk of harm due to a number of failings.

It has emerged head of adult social care, Louise Barry, had expressed her intention to stand down.

Councillor Stephen Hayes, cabinet member responsible for adult social care, said: "The position is that Louise Barry has taken a period of sickness leave to consider her future and we very much hope she stays with the authority.

"She is a skilled person in adult social care and hope she stays on."

It was also confirmed by a council spokesperson that chief executive Jeremy Patterson is away on sickness leave.

In his absence strategic director for resources David Powell was taking over his role. Currently the posts of director of social services and head of children's services are being filled by interim appointments.

Homes scheme approved

A PLAN to build eight houses outside the development boundary of a village near Welshpool has been passed by councillors.

The application was made by Mr D Neville, to build the homes on land adjacent to Oldcastle Avenue in Guilsfield. There was a strong opposition to the plans, with Guilsfield Community Council objecting to the proposals.

The council said the site was outside the local development plan. Councillors also argued that if the application was to be successful it would create "undesirable precedent making it difficult to resist similar proposals elsewhere".

However, officers recommended it for approval. They said: "Having carefully considered the proposed development, officers consider that the proposal broadly complies with planning policy."

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

The time is fast-approaching for the talking to stop and the action to start if Oswestry is to go ahead with proposals to become a Business Improvement District – and that means someone will have to start paying. Traders have been voicing concerns that the town has declined over the past five years with the range of shops and poor perception of nightlife being highlighted in a survey completed by 160 businesses. Those same businesses will now be balloted on whether to go ahead with the scheme which would see their rates increased to fund the project.

Becoming a BID town would put a "small" levy on the business rates which would release cash to improve the town centre but will businesses be prepared to dip into already troubled pockets to fund the scheme? There is little doubt that Oswestry town centre has declined over the last five years. Then I remember eulogising loudly about how the streets of Oswestry were thriving while in Welshpool shops stood empty. So why has that pattern been reversed? Social media buzzes like swarming bees at the prospect of any out-of-town-centre development in Welshpool. Yet the moment a shop becomes empty new traders quickly move in, which goes firmly against the views that supermarket developments would kill off the town centre.

There can be no doubt that the advent of online shopping and the competition between giant superstores to offer the best prices has changed the face of town centre shopping forever. So don't hold your breath for the return of big brand clothing retailers, it's just not going to happen.

Our town centres will never be the same as we remember but there are still opportunities to keep our streets alive which is why the Oswestry traders are to be congratulated on at least making the effort. I for one really hope the vote goes in favour and will watch developments with great interest.

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Welshpool and Oswestry, like all other towns across the country, have problems with drug users so it was great news to read that a Midlands-based gang supplying the area's dealers has been arrested and jailed. It was also shocking to learn that a Welshpool mother and daughter team were involved. It was even more disturbing to learn of the sheer contempt of the younger of the pair to see she had posed on social media wearing a judge's wig ahead of being sentenced to nine years behind bars.

The Pontcysyllte Aqueduct is a tourist attraction

Waterways work continues no matter the weather

The picturesque Chirk Aqueduct and Viaduct

Winter heralds the start of work on the waterways

JAMES PUGH finds out the colder months mean hard work for those in charge of our canals

PEOPLE might expect canals to be quiet places during the autumn and winter months.

But as most people try and keep warm indoors, a team of engineers and specialists from the Canal & River Trust will be busy carrying out vital repairs to the nation's 200-year-old canal network, including in Shropshire.

The trust has revealed which stretches of canals in the county will be closed during the coming months as it carries out repair and restoration work costing about £800,000.

The Llangollen Canal and Shropshire Union Canal are among those to benefit from the work.

The environment for those carrying out the work is not for the faint-hearted.

Often their day job means dealing with oceans of mud, freezing temperatures, driving rain and even snow to replace lock gates, rebuild embankments and grout damaged lock chamber masonry.

The charity has the endless task of caring for a complex, imperfect, beautiful heritage waterway network that's just as important today as in the Industrial Revolution when much of it was constructed.

Nearly half the population of England and Wales lives within five miles of a canal and last year 380 million visits were made to the trust's waterways.

People come from far and wide to enjoy the nation's canals and many of the canal structures have become visitor attractions in their own right. The Pontcysyllte Aqueduct near Oswestry brings in thousands of visitors to the area every year. And many visitors come to see the Chirk Aqueduct too which stands beside a railway viaduct, giving people the chance to see the nation's transportation progress at one glance.

Work during the winter includes repairs to locks on our local waterways

The Montgomery Canal is also becoming a huge draw to people and there are ongoing plans to re-establish the waterway in full, providing a huge tourist attraction to the Oswestry and Welshpool area.

Caring for the canals of course takes time, money and effort.

The Canal & River Trust has revealed work is taking place at Tyrley Locks 3 and 5, on the Shropshire Union Canal near Market Drayton, from November 6 to December 15. It will involve replacing the top and bottom gates at Tyrley Bottom Lock 5 and Tyrley Lock 3.

Work will take place at Audlem Locks, Shropshire Union Canal, from November 6 to December 15.

It will involve replacing the top and bottom gates on Lock 2, repairing the underwater bywash on Local 9 and replacing the top and bottom gates on Lock 14.

Ladder replacement works will take place at Adderley Lock 1, Shropshire Union Canal, near Market Drayton, from November 6 to 24.

Work is taking place at Sluice 4, Cornhill, Llangollen Canal, adjacent to Bridge 47, from January 8 to January 26, to carry out repairs to the sluice – a device for controlling the flow of water.

Repairs at New Mills Lift Bridge 31 at Whitchurch, on the Llangollen Canal, will take place from January 29 to February 16.

Repair work at Springhill Bridge 41, Llangollen Canal, will be carried out from January 22 to February 9.

The trust said bridge repairs will be carried out at Grindley Brook Bridge 28, on the Llangollen Canal near Whitchurch, from February 19 to March 16.

Work will also take place during this time at Grindley Brook Locks 4, 5, and 6, to reline the gates.

Repairs below the water level to the wet abutment will also be carried out at Dansons Bridge 30, Llangollen Canal, from February 19 to March 11.

The dates have been amended to tie in with the closure at Grindley Brook Locks.

Wendy Capelle, waterway manager at the Canal & River Trust said: "The Canal & River Trust, the charity which cares for the nation's waterways, is investing over £800,000 this winter in Shropshire to carry out important repairs to parts of the Llangollen Canal and Shropshire Union Canal to keep the canal in good working order for the thousands of boats that use the canals every year."

Last year the Canal & River Trust undertook a £43 million restoration and repair programme on canals and rivers across England and Wales. It involved work at Audlem's flight of locks near Market Drayton, including replacing the timber top lock gate as well as making repairs. Earlier this year, communities were encouraged to adopt one-mile stretches of canals by the trust, It published an online map of areas in need of support – including stretches of the Llangollen, Montgomery and Shropshire Union Canal.

WORKING FOR YOU

As I set about writing this fortnightly article, which I like to be about happenings at Westminster, the only issue on everyone's lips is the seemingly non-stop cascade of sexual harassment stories about politicians – of all parties and in all British parliaments. While I disapprove of the usual course of British justice being reversed (with everyone being accused seeming to be deemed guilty until proven innocent!), I do however approve of what is happening. It is totally unacceptable for anyone in a position carrying with it 'power' and 'patronage' to be using that position as a platform for sexual harassment – or any other sort of 'bullying' and harassment for that matter. However, one aspect of the way this 'harassment' is being portrayed is mistaken. I don't doubt that it happens, but in seven years as an MP, I've not witnessed it. As a general rule, MPs are ferociously ambitious individuals, and are very focussed on their work. In years past, when votes took place in the middle of the night, and there were not long lens cameras scanning every nook and corner, improper behaviour may well have been more common. It's a much rarer occurrence today. And so it should be. It shouldn't happen at all. Everyone at Westminster wants proper reporting systems in place, where anyone guilty of a misdemeanour is held to account. We all want to feel proud to be a Member of Parliament.

A consequence of the current focus on 'sexual harassment' is that it has driven out debate and discussion about the Budget, which takes place on the 22nd of this month. The first budget at the start of a five year Parliament is more than just about money. It's about direction. And it's the toughest challenge facing any Chancellor since the early 1990s.The UK Government still spends around £1,000,000,000 per week more than it has coming into its coffers. This is not as bad as it has been over last decade, but it still means National Debt is growing ever larger way too quickly. And he will want to promote more housing, help with roll-out of Universal Benefit, boosting infrastructure spending, consider lifting the public sector pay cap, and give yet another funding boost to the NHS. It's a very difficult circle to square. The future of our country, (as we leave the European Union) depends on the Chancellor getting it right. It's what MPs should be focussed on.

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Montgomeryshire MP

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Legal Aid is available for discharge applications and applications for contact to a child in care, so it would be advisable to contact a family law solicitor to find out if you qualify. If the Local Authority does not consider that a discharge application should be made, then, as a parent of the child, you may make an application to Court to discharge the Court Order. Six months must have elapsed since the Court made the Care Order and you must be able to demonstrate that you have made positive progress during that time and changed your life for the better.

Further information relating to this question is available from Anne Davies, a Senior Solicitor with GHP Legal. For an appointment visit www.ghplegal.com or contact one of our offices: Oswestry 01691 659194, Chirk 01691 777949, Wrexham 01978 291456, Llangollen 01978 860313. We offer free legal diagnostic clinics (no appointment necessary). In Oswestry, Wednesdays 12noon-3pm for Personal Injury, Employment & Family matters. In Wrexham, Mondays 9.30am-12noon for Employment matters, 12noon – 3pm for Personal Injury & Family matters. GHP Legal is authorised and regulated by the SRA 51566, and Lexcel Accredited.

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Bluff and bluster could become serious

I CAN remember how the press and media were warning us about impending doom and tragedy before Ronald Reagan was first elected, "He's too old… he'll press the button whilst in a confused state of mind".

Fast forward to the situation the world is in now. North Korea's leader Kim Jong-un making empty threats of war with the United States. This situation reminds me of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour in the Second World War, which in part brought America into the situation of entering the fray. Kim Jong-un is a dictator with the mind of a child who has murdered those who dared to question his authority, including members of his own family. If he is foolhardy enough to carry out this wild threat against one of this world's major powers, he will find out that Mr Trump does mean business. I just hope for all our sakes that bluff and bluster is what it remains.

MARTIN EDDIES
Shrewsbury

Duke takes interest in Waterloo war game

Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, visited Park Hall Camp, Oswestry, on May 26, 1967. During his stop he watched a war game acting out the Battle of Waterloo.

Majority may want to stay by the time we actually leave

I THINK it is widely agreed that the EU referendum presented us with the most momentous and most difficult decision for a long time. Its ramifications will affect us for many years to come.

What was clear from Mrs May's Florence speech is that it is going to take at least five years to put our decision into effect.

Five years is the distance between two general elections and we frequently change our minds over that period.

The trouble with Brexit is we cannot keep jumping in and out every few years.

It is to be hoped therefore that the decision we took in June 2016 is the settled will of the British people.

But is it? Over the five years 2016 to 2021 two significant things will be happening to the electorate. Firstly and inevitably some 2.5 million deaths will occur.

Statistically amongst the over 65s at the referendum, 75 per cent of this age group voted and of these three quarters voted Leave.

So 1.4 million of those who voted Leave will have died before we get there!

At the other end of the age profile some 700,000 new 18 year olds are coming on to the electoral register each year. That is 3.5 million over these five years. They will not have had any say at the referendum of course. In the 18-24 age group at the referendum 64 per cent cast their vote and of these two thirds voted Remain.

Assuming all those who voted in the referendum (and are still living in 2021) were of the same mind five years later it is clear that simply through the natural processes of birth and death it cannot be argued that the country is of a settled mind to leave the EU. By 2021 there will be a natural majority to Remain.

ALEX BEYER
Priorslee

Get the deal done and stop with all the pussyfooting

WHY is Theresa May and the government still pussyfooting over Brexit?

There are no legal obligations to pay anything to the EU in a so-called divorce settlement.

The EU are treating us like arrogant muppets and intend to make this country and its people suffer for daring to vote leave. There was never going to be a happy divorce, and we should have planned for that all along.

We shouldn't be paying them for an open trade deal at all.

There may some short term financial pain, but on both sides – as a poor divorce will hurt business within the EU as well, they know that and are just bluffing. But in very short time they will buckle and come running back for a settlement. The PM is backstabbing the 17.4 million that want out. Stop messing about and get it sorted, with one of the main issues cutting right down on EU migrants coming here, unless they have the skills that are required.

B ELLIS
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You cannot always have socialist views

ON Wednesday, April 1, 1992, Labour claimed victory in the 1992 General Election at Neil Kinnock's Sheffield Victory Rally. The only trouble was the election was not until April 9, 1992 and the voters did not agree with his predicted result.

What happened to the left wing fire brand that was Neil Kinnock? Oh you mean Baron Kinnock who sits in the undemocratic, unelected House of Lords. You can't remain a socialist all your life. Can we look forward to Lord Islington North?

PETER STEGGLES
Longnor

We need a level playing field for lessons in music

ANDREW Lloyd-Webber expresses concerns over the low numbers of children undergoing musical training in all fields.

He goes on to say that encouragement should be given to reverse the trend.

He further goes on to say that only in the private schools do we see significant numbers still getting music lessons.

Clearly in private education parents are usually more able or more willing to afford the costs of such training.

Amongst lower paid tax-paying parents suffering from wage stagnation, the costs of getting their children trained to play a musical instrument are often beyond the family budget.

The only children, other than privately educated ones, who can enjoy free tuition and often free supply of instruments are those on benefits.

This is not an ideal situation and more thought should be given to see that there is a level playing field for all children.

ADRIAN WILLIAMS
Bratton

MPs have no business sense

MANY MPs attained their post studying politics and became MP's assistants and then were elected to parliament.

A consequence is a dearth of business ability – no proven negotiating skills, inability to debate, most read a script, and little financial acumen. Brexit talks stumble on, the most important 'deal' since World War II.

We read of a 'hard' or 'soft' landing but there appears no strategy for what we are trying to achieve. The Prime Minister, overworked and harassed on all sides, wanders the world seeking trade agreements, does she not have the wit to delegate? is anyone capable?

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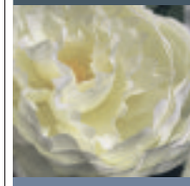

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George makes more friends

Bernie – 'dad's faithful companion'

It's Poppy, the cockapoo dog

Gertie is in the garden

Frankie the dog is four

Ruby is six years old

Tika loves to collect the biggest stones she can find

Readers love their perfect pet pictures

Beagle puppies wait for their dinner

A lovely photo of Carla who is always up to mischief

YOU have responded in your droves to our appeal for you to send in your favourite photo of your pet.

The winner of the competition wins a £100 cash prize and we have received entries from far and wide.

Jackie Hill has sent in a photo of the beloved Bernie who she describes as "dad's faithful companion".

Anna Davies from Presteigne has taken part in the competition. She said: "This is my dog, George, a pedigree Welsh Sheepdog.

"We caught him in the sheepshed making friends with the lambs."

Zoe Penlington from Knighton sent in a photo of Tika and said: "This is Tika and as you can see she loves to collect the biggest stones she can find from the bottom of the riverbed."

Dean Robins sent in a photo of Carla. He said: "She is a long haired German shepherd. Always into mischief."

Karen Edwards from Oswestry sent in a photo of 14-week-old kitten Gertie enjoying her first adventure in the garden.

Eleven-year-old Fran Wictome took a photo of her Cockapoo dog called Poppy. She said: "I hope you like it as much as I do."

Pamela Bennett took a photo of her litter of beagle puppies all waiting for their dinner.

Robert and Cherry Seyffert from Presteigne sent in a photo of six-month-old miniature Dachsund Jack.

They said: "He is full of mischief and keeps us on our toes."

Emma Cresswell sent in a photo of four-year-old Frankie.

Lorraine Duncan sent in a photo of Ruby.

She said: "Ruby is a rescued German shepherd who was badly treated as a puppy. She is now six years old."

Jack is full of mischief

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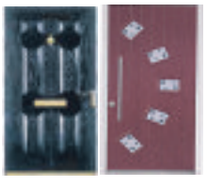

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Council to revamp bin rounds to save money

WASTE and recycling collection rounds in Mid Wales will be improved to make it a more efficient service, Powys County Council has announced.

The council's cabinet has given the go-ahead to optimise the household waste and recycling collection routes to make them more efficient and to meet proposed savings targets.

Although the council will optimise the routes, it will continue to collect waste and recycling five days a week, maintaining the current working pattern. However, the improved routes will mean that collection days for the majority of householders will change.

The council will continue to collect recycling and food waste on a weekly basis and residual waste every three weeks from 7.30am on collection days.

Councillor Phyl Davies, cabinet member for waste and recycling, said: "Given the numerous service changes that have occurred since the existing rounds were rolled out, they are not considered now to be as efficient as they could be. It is only right that we look where we can make improvements.

"By using route optimisation software, we will be ensuring that the waste and recycling collections rounds are as efficient as they can be. This will also help us save £275,000 by making improvements to our collection rounds.

"However, by revising the collection rounds, it will mean that a large number of householders will see a change in their collection day.

"We will still continue to collect recycling and food waste on a weekly basis and residual waste every three weeks from 7.30am on collection days."

Business network for mothers is relaunched

Report by Jonny Drury

A CHILD friendly networking group which supports and motivates mums in business has relaunched in Oswestry.

The group, part of the social enterprise BizMums, provides a comfortable, relaxed atmosphere in which self-employed mums can share what they do and make new connections.

Ongoing training opportunities and business guidance are also provided, with each monthly meeting featuring a "theme of the month" presented by a guest speaker.

With practical themes such as organisation, marketing, money and growth, mums can also learn valuable skills to take back and apply to their own businesses.

The monthly meetings are open to self-employed mums and the child friendly locations and format means little ones are welcome to come along too.

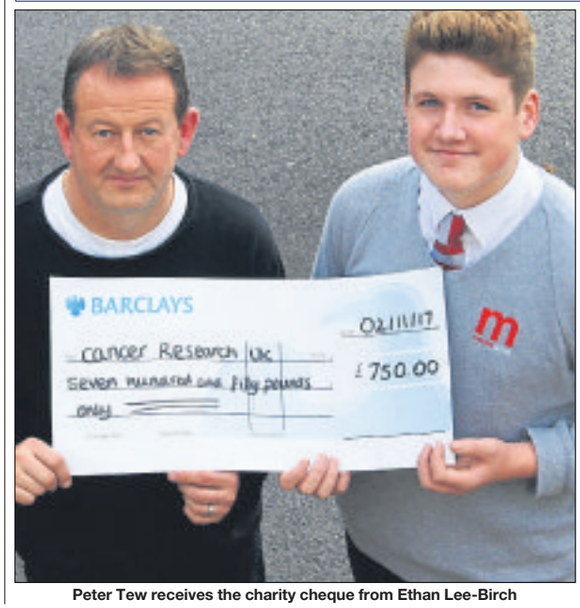
Mums with children at school, or who are all grown up are also welcome to attend.

Host for BizMums in Oswestry, Jo Meakin said: "We understand that it is all too easy for mums to feel isolated running their own business.

"BizMums is a supportive community of self-employed mums who inspire and motivate each other.

"Here they can meet other mums and have the opportunity to learn and grow their businesses in a friendly environment." The next Oswestry BizMums group will be held today (Thursday) at 10.30am taking place at The Baby Bird Café in Oswestry. November's monthly theme is money and the guest speaker is Michelle Childs the founder of BizMums.

Swimmer Ethan smashes funds target



Peter Tew receives the charity cheque from Ethan Lee-Birch

A SCHOOLBOY has raised £750 for Cancer Research UK by swimming 8,000 metres at Oswestry Leisure Centre.

Ethan Lee-Birch, a Year 10 student at The Marches School in Oswestry, aimed to raise £200 for the charity after finding out his grandad was diagnosed with cancer. But after completing the swim which totalled 320 lengths in three hours and nine minutes, Ethan managed to raise £750.

Ethan presented his £750 cheque to Peter Tew, representative and volunteer from Whitchurch Relay for Life as part of Cancer Research UK.

Peter Tew said: "I would like to thank Ethan for his fantastic contribution to Cancer Research UK's work by swimming 8,000m, it's such a brave challenge to take on in respect of his grandad's condition. Not only has he raised an incredible amount, he has raised a lot of awareness in the local community and highlighted the importance of fundraising. We are really grateful for his support."

Alison Lee-Birch, Ethan's mother, said: "As a family we are all incredibly proud of Ethan for raising such a large sum of money for such a good cause."

Ethan said: "I'd like to thank everyone who donated."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Raffle will help art organisation

A JAPANESE landscape piece of art has been created by members of an art therapy company organisation to help it raise funds for the future.

Designs in Mind in Oswestry accepts private and public commissions for all types of art work and had won national recognition for the quality of its finished items, from large mosaics and sculptures to textiles and trophies.

Each Christmas it produces a piece of work to raffle for Designs in Mind funds.

This year the result is a screen printed and hand stitched collaborative artwork based on a Japanese landscape.

Measuring a metre squared the piece is taken from the organisation's Japan retail collection. Tickets are £1 each and can be purchased from the studio in Cross Street on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and other Oswestry outlets, Liar Liar, Honeysuckle Wholefoods or the Kinoculture cinema. The draw will take place at Designs in Mind on December 14.

Marital status to be removed

FEMALE councillors will not have their marital status included on Oswestry Town Council documents in the future.

Traditionally minutes have referred to male councillors with no title preceding their surname but with female councillors having Mrs/Miss or Ms before theirs.

Councillor Clare Aspinall put forward a notice of motion calling for this to be amended to have no title except Councillor.

"At the moment, as a council, it puts us at risk of equality and discrimination law breaches," she said.

Councillors voted for the change.

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Ramblers on travels again

THE Welshpool Ramblers' walk on Sunday will be led by Dave Evans and will be an eight-mile circular walk from Arddleen.

All are welcome but no dogs on the walk. Meet at 9.30am in the car park beside the Welshpool Tourist Information Centre (OS grid ref. SJ 225075), from where transport may be available, or at the start of the route at OS grid ref. SJ 2598 1606 ready for a 9.45am start. From Welshpool take the A483 towards Oswestry for about five miles, turn left at the Horseshoe pub and stop at the second bungalow on the right. For further information telephone (01938) 590307.

More council land for sale in auction

A TOWN council is selling off another 25 acres of land at auction.

Welshpool Town Council is selling off land in the Red Bank area, which is earmarked for agricultural use and currently around 0.5 per cent return on its potential value.

A similar pot of land behind a recent development on Red Bank was also sold earlier this year for £850,000 in order to build homes.

The land is part of the Burgess Land Trust, which was set up in the town in 1761 to provide income.

The income of the Burgess Land Trust money goes to "the maintenance, building, extending, beautifying and repairing of the council's buildings" and when this objective has been met then any surplus can then be made available for the poor and needy.

Crime partnership to be set up says police boss

Report by Sue Austin

A NEW crime partnership is to be set up in to help fight rural crime in Mid Wales.

Chief Inspector Rhiannon Ivens of Dyfed Powys Police recently joined patrols across Powys, teaming up with Dai Rees, land management team leader for Natural Resources Wales to visit countryside areas.

The patrols, which took in some of the most remote parts of the county, are being made with a view to establishing a new rural crime partnership in Powys.

Chief Inspector Ivens said officers wanted to better understand the needs of the farming community, forestry areas and the impact on the environment, natural beauty and wildlife that anti-social behaviour and rural crime can have.

She said: "I was shocked to learn about the significant damage that seemingly low-level anti-social behaviour can have on the environment and what this means to wildlife, particularly in relation to legally protected areas and the forest environment.

"Dai explained that as well as the common anti-social behaviour activities such as off-road motorcycles and 4x4s, even livestock straying into the forestry can damage hundreds of young trees, costing thousands of pounds and setting back regeneration by years." The officer said the force was keen to work more closely with its partners and to increase engagement with farming communities.

AM gets on his bike for Poppy Appeal

Russell George takes part in the Poppy Ride in the Senedd in Cardiff

THE second annual Poppy Ride, organised by the Royal British Legion, to commemorate the Battle of Passchendaele and the remembrance period, has gained the support of Montgomeryshire Assembly Member Russell George.

Mr George joined the Wales area manager of The Royal British Legion, veterans, serving personnel and other Assembly Members to race against the clock on an exercise bike to mark the remembrance period in Wales.

The six-hour bike ride was held in the Senedd, aiming to mark this very special year for remembrance in Wales and the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Passchendaele.

Mr George represented Montgomeryshire by cycling as far as he could in five minutes.The target of 300 miles was achieved after over six hours of pedalling from everyone involved.

Mr George said: "The Royal British Legion provides invaluable support to the Armed Forces community. I am pleased to have been able to support such a worthy cause."

Farmers can get together for better energy deals

FARMERS are being given the chance to club together to get better deals on their electricity.

The NFU Energy Service is creating a new "buying group" option to allow members to join with each other to get better deals on their electricity contracts.

NFU Cymru is urging members to consider the deal.

John Mercer, NFU Cymru director, said: "By gathering as many NFU Cymru members together as possible it is possible to task suppliers to give a bulk price for groups. In this way members can benefit from savings of up to 10 per cent on normal one-off contract prices. Unlike some buying offers, the NFU Energy Service groups contracts with the same quarter renewal date so that they are not tied to a single provider. This keeps the offers much more competitive,"

Prior to the buying group offer, the NFU Energy Service concentrated on offering the best price available between suppliers for individual standard contracts. The service helped members to save over £1 million in cheaper energy contracts last year and can now help them save even more by negotiating lower prices with group purchasing. Paul Jesson from the NFU Energy Service said: "NFU Cymru members will only see two changes on their contracts and the way they work.

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Placements offer made to farmers

A COLLEGE is offering farmers the chance to develop their businesses by taking part in study placements in Italy and Sweden.

The tours are being organised throughout 2018 by Oswestry's North Shropshire College's enterprise and development department and offer an all expenses paid experience for people associated with the farming and agricultural businesses.

Erasmus participants will visit different farms and businesses that are involved in farm diversification enterprises.

If anyone is interested in taking part in the overseas placements, they contact Katie Edwards on k.edwards@nsc.ac.uk or call the enterprise and development department on (01939) 262154.

School breaks foodbank record

GENEROUS students have donated a record-breaking 468kg of food to their local foodbank.

The pupils from Oswestry School's prep department, Bellan House, and the senior school, collected the food at their recent harvest service.

All of the food donated will feed people and families in Oswestry and the surrounding area.

Liz Jermy from the Oswestry and Borders Foodbank said: "This is an all-time record for a school and Oswestry School have smashed their previous year's record. We are very, very grateful.

"There is now a huge amount of work to process all this food and all of it is so needed." She also paid thanks to Sixth Form student, Daren Guan from Hong Kong, who matched the cost of the school's offering with his own donation.

New tourism route to serve Japanese market

Report by Jonny Drury

PLANS have been unveiled for a brand new tourism route created especially for the increasing number of Japanese visitors fuelling the tourism boom in Mid and North Wales

The Roads of Castles in Wonderland initiative which takes in Chirk near Oswestry was revealed by Jim Jones, the managing director of North Wales Tourism, who said the region was now a big hit with visitors from the Land of the Rising Sun.

Mr Jones said there had been an 84 per cent increase in Japanese visitors in the past two years, with almost 2,400 of them between April and September of this year coming via travel agencies that have not previously had Wales on their itineraries.

He said North Wales Tourism has been working closely with the high-powered Japanese Association of Travel Agents (JATA).

Mr Jones said: "Japanese tourists used to by-pass North Wales but not anymore. We have worked hard to promote the region and as a result we have seen a sharp rise in the number of Japanese tourists visiting North Wales.

"JATA have now selected 20 of the most beautiful roads in Europe and we were thrilled they picked North Wales as one of those routes. They will now be promoting North Wales as The Road of Castles in Wonderland. The route starts in Newtown and comes up through, Chirk, Wrexham and Ruthin, before heading to Conwy and Llandudno and down the Conwy Valley to the Llyn Peninsula and looping to Caernarfon and Anglesey."

Dawn of a new photo competition

The tourist attraction will offer plenty of atmospheric photo opportunities

IT is cameras at dawn at a Shropshire tourist attraction.

The British Ironwork Centre near Oswestry is opening its gates extra early on Saturdays and Sundays throughout November to allow photographers to take advantage of its sculptures and landscape at sunrise and sunset.

A photographic competition has been launched by the centre running throughout the month of November. Centre chairman, Clive Knowles, said: "For one month, every Saturday and Sunday the British Ironworks will be opening its gates extra early. The grounds and the parkland will be open to roam, in the search for those special photographic opportunities.

"For the dusk photographers the site will remain open after dusk for photographers to explore their opportunities."

The best photographs will be entered into a competition.

The winner will receive £500 worth of gift vouchers, £250 to be used at the British Ironwork Centre and £250 at Jessops Shrewsbury. The runners up will have their photographs entered into an additional public vote on social media. The winner from this will be presented with £100 worth of vouchers.

Leadership programme 'changed life' says Harry

A TEENAGER who took part in a rotary leadership programme says it has changed his life.

Each year around 10,000 16 to 18-year-olds worldwide are sponsored by their local clubs to take part in the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) programme.

Harry Gardner, a sixth form student at The Marches School, was sponsored by Oswestry Rotary Club to take part in the 2017 scheme and said it has changed his life.

"Going to RYLA was like being thrown in at the deep end," the teenager said.

"I struggled with my confidence – talking to 40 people I had never met before was hard for me."

Harry added: "Getting to know my team and problem-solving together helped and we all bonded and encouraged each other in the competitive elements.

"I now have much more confidence than before and a group of good friends. RYLA has changed my life."

He was joined by 40 other young people from the district for a week of exercises to improve teamwork, leadership and social skills.

The programme took place at Arthog outdoor educational centre in Wales.

Anita Wyatt, sixth form student support co-ordinator at The Marches, who accompanied Harry to a recent rotary meeting, said: "I am very proud of Harry.

"There is no way he would have been able to have stand up and present to a room full of people prior to his RYLA experience. We are very grateful for your ongoing sponsorship of our students and the transformative effect it has on them."

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The town is known for its strong mix of small independent traders.

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Many visitors to the town say the main reason they come to Oswestry is its independent retailers. Shoppers say the town is a fantastic place to hunt down that hard-to-find and unique Christmas gift. The town centre boasts many market leading independent shops offering a friendly service and great value. The town traders' helpfulness and expertise mean shoppers come back year after year to enjoy the shopping experience.

Work is continuing to constantly improve the retail experience for everyone in Oswestry and the town sees new businesses opening throughout the year to ensure it remains a centre for shopping.

Whether on the main shopping streets or tucked away in one of Oswestry's shuts or passageways the gems of small shops sell everything from kitchenware to jewellery and the town boasts a wide range of businesses from book stores to boutique outlets.

Some are even award winning stores.

There are butchers, bakers and certainly plenty of candles in gift and craft stores.

Specialist shops have staff trained to help you choose the right items from a bridal gown to the perfect gift for a bride and groom.

It is well worth spending time exploring the town. Shops can be found not just in the very heart of the centre but on side streets and further out. Take a walk down Beatrice Street for example or step further down Church Street away from the main area to find more independent traders.

There is something magical about the town of Oswestry in the run-up to Christmas

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Plenty to do during the festive season

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There is always plenty to do in Oswestry in the run-up to Christmas and over the festive season itself.

One of the highlights for many is the annual Christmas Lights switch-on.

This year the big switch-on takes place on Thursday next week November 16 and once again there will be plenty of entertainment.

Crowds gather in the town to watch the fun and over the years star guests have included Chewbacca from the Star Wars movies and Bungle from the children's TV series Rainbow.

Choirs from a wide variety of schools in the area have also performed at the event over the years and there is normally a huge and excited countdown as the switch is flicked on the impressive festive lights display.

As Christmas approaches there will be plenty of other events held in the town for all to enjoy.

A Shropshire produce market will take place on November 25.

And another huge event for the town is Christmas Music Live.

This annual event sees massive fairground rides located within the town centre and offers fun for visitors of all ages as well as a chance to enjoy some late night shopping in the town's many stores.

This year Christmas Music Live takes place on December 1 from 6pm to 10pm.

The popular Oswestry Parade takes place on December 2.

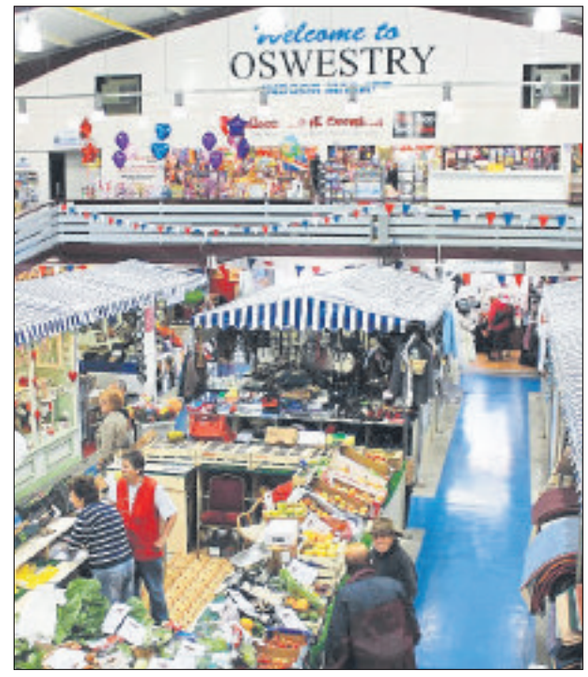
The parade sees floats travel through the town centre from 11am onwards.

Many groups and organisations as well as town firms take part in the festive extravaganza.

The event is particularly popular with younger people as sweets and treats are often thrown from many of the floats as the town gets into the Christmas spirit.

A Christmas Artisan Market will take place on the Bailey Head on December 22.

There is plenty of entertainment in Oswestry for all to enjoy over the festive period



Oswestry's market is a great place for some Christmas shopping

All the event are aimed at drawing in visitors to the town and supporting retailers.

Many of those visitors head to the town's indoor and outdoor markets.

The markets have a wide variety of stalls. Mouthwatering food stalls are side by side with antique specialists, craft stalls, accessories and beauty as well as many others.

Meanwhile, if you want a unique present why not visit one of Oswestry's galleries, for example the Qube, Oswestry Visitor and Heritage Centre or the Willow Gallery. There you will find exhibitions from artists and craftworkers.

A day shopping at Christmas in Oswestry would not be complete without a visit to a coffee shop or tea room for a mid morning break. Or maybe a leisurely lunch in a café, pub or restaurant. The town is full of good quality eateries to suit every taste and budget.

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Charity shop in hunt for helpers

A CHARITY shop is appealing for more volunteers ahead of its first birthday.

Age UK Shropshire Telford and Wrekin's furniture shop in Oswestry is urgently seeking help to ensure it can meet demand over the Christmas period and beyond.

The shop in Red Square is looking for volunteer retail assistants, van drivers and van drivers' mates.

Heather Osborne, chief executive of the charity, said: "All profits from our Oswestry donated furniture shop help fund essential services for older people in the county including many in the Oswestry area.

"We are looking for physically strong individuals to drive the van and to assist drivers in moving furniture during collections and deliveries. Anyone who could spare a day a week to help us would be most welcome."

Spiritual centre to meet up again

MEMBERS of Oswestry Spiritual Centre have their next meeting on Thursday next week.

The meeting will take place in the Cambrian Room in the Memorial Hall in Oswestry. The event runs from 7.30pm to 9pm and doors open at 7pm. The cost is £3.50.

Val Laundy from the group said: "Our guest medium this meeting is Peter Henry from Wirral. Peter uses music to connect with spirit and people on the earth plane, Peter has been before and this is an amazing way for spirit to find their way to communicate with people here bringing evidence that life continues but only in another dimension."

Best-selling choir celebrates 70 years of success and song

IT began as a post Second World War choir for men from a Welsh village near Oswestry and grew to become an internationally known, platinum disc winning, choral sensation.

The Fron Male Voice Choir is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year.

Two of the members are men who were among the choir's original line-up. The journey began with a meeting in the Seion Chapel in Froncysyllte in 1947.

Choir spokesman, David Thomas Jones, said the village wanted to support the newly formed Llangollen Eisteddfod, and at that meeting it was proposed that a male voice choir was formed to compete at the 1948 event.

He said: "The Froncysyllte Male Voice Choir was formed, however they needed 60 voices and, despite recruiting men from the village they were still short. They turned to the youth club choir and persuaded some of the youngsters to make up the numbers.

"Seven decades on and two of those youngsters are still singing with the choir. Dennis Williams, and Gren Gough have sung under all five of the choir's musical directors, and they still participate and enjoy all aspects of singing in a male voice choir."

Today the Froncysyllte Male Voice Choir is better known as the Fron Male Voice Choir, following the success of their series of five Voices of the Valley CD albums recorded under the Fron name.

The Fron Male Voice Choir has enjoyed music chart success in its 70 years of performing

The albums followed a chance meeting, when in November 2006 they were spotted singing at a wedding by one of the guests, Daniel Glatman, the manager of the boy band Blue.

The five albums were released on Universal's UCJ or Decca label between 2006 to 2010. They sold well over one million copies, with four of the albums being awarded gold and platinum discs for sales.

Mr Thomas Jones said the past 12 months have seen a busy 70th anniversary year.

On Saturday the Fron choir will sing at Glyndwr University's William Aston Hall, with the Three Welsh Tenors, Rhys Meirion, Aled Hall, and Aled Wyn Davies. On December 9 the members will join Porthywaen Band at the Holy Trinity Church Oswestry, and the 70th anniversary celebrations close with a performance during the day at Chirk Castle on December 23.

TV presenter John enjoys his family canal break

A POPULAR canal has been visited by a well-known television personality.

The Llangollen Canal takes centre stage in BBC Countryfile magazine's 10th anniversary issue, with a feature on a canal boat family holiday by presenter John Craven.

Cared for by the Canal and River Trust charity, the 46-mile Llangollen Canal, which skirts around the Oswestry area, made for an "exhilarating" short break aboard a canal narrowboat enjoyed by Mr Craven and his grandsons.

The waterway straddles the border between England and Wales and features the 11-mile World Heritage Site around the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct – Britain's tallest aqueduct – also looked after by the trust.

A veteran supporter of the waterways, the TV veteran presenter said he thoroughly enjoyed his boating break.

Mr Craven said: "It had been an exhilarating, slow-motion few days.

"We had glided though breath-taking countryside while being overtaken by walkers and their dogs, joggers, cyclists and kayakers – canals aren't just for narrow boats.

"Many peaceful hours of travelling had been dotted with moments of tension, certainly on my part, as I tried to master the skills needed for a method of transportation that hasn't changed in centuries.

"We agreed it had been far more than just a short holiday.

"The Llangollen Canal had given us an experience we'd never forget."

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Food bank goes that extra mile

Report by Jonny Drury

OSWESTRY and Borders Food Bank is going the extra mile to help people in need.

The food bank opened in November 2011 to provide emergency food and support to people in crisis in and around Oswestry.

The branch also has a premises in Ellesmere to aid distribution, and feeds over 30 people a week from the local community who cannot afford to feed themselves and their families.

Liz Jermy, the manager since June 2016, was the speaker at a recent meeting of Oswestry Rotary Club when she told members: "We do as much as we can to gather stocks.

"In this harvest season, we are very grateful to receive food collections from nurseries, schools and churches and see our stock levels rise to meet the expected demands of the Christmas season ahead."

All the people who work at the food bank are volunteers.

The food bank is now seeking to do more to assist people and is now running a 'job club.'

Through a partnership between Christians Against Poverty, Steps to Employment, the Hope and Albert Road Church and Shropshire Town and Rural Housing, the club is now running to give Oswestry residents who are currently out of work the extra support to find employment.

Liz added: "It is open to everyone and takes place on a Tuesday lunchtime. Subjects covered include motivation, overcoming obstacles, writing a CV and preparing for interviews.

"It is good to be able to offer something else. We also have an arrangement with Sainsbury's where twice per month we are able to offer out of date flowers to food bank clients.

"It is amazing how a little thing like that can raise spirits."

An additional contribution to food bank funds was made at the meeting by Lee Barnfield.

Lee Barnfield presenting the cheque to Liz Jermy at the rotary club meeting

He presented Liz with £150 from a sponsored cycle ride from Oswestry to Combs la Ville that he and his three Team Smells Like Toast friends made last spring together with a donation from the rotary club funds. Thanking Lee for their efforts Liz added: "Every donation received helps us ease the strain of financial hardship."

Out-of-hours Shropdoc GP service launches consultation with its staff over new contracts

SHROPSHIRE'S out-of-hours GP service has confirmed it is consulting staff over new contracts.

Shropdoc, which revealed earlier this year that it is facing its most serious financial situation in more than 20 years, says that staff are currently being consulted over their terms and conditions.

It comes as it has been suggested that the out-of-hours service wants to terminate the contracts of all non-medical staff before offering them re-employment on new contracts.

In August it was revealed that Shropdoc had written to the county's clinical commissioning groups asking for financial help, as it faced up to what was described as its most serious financial challenges in 21 years. Shropdoc chairman Dr Russell Muirhead confirmed that discussions were ongoing with employees but said that the service was not being affected.

Report by Dominic Robertson

He said: "We are currently undertaking a consultation with staff on terms and conditions.

"To date there has been no impact on patient service delivery.

"It continues at the high levels which we have consistently provided for many years."

Dr Muirhead said he believed staff were "generally supportive" of the changes and that the service would be able to cope as winter approaches.

He said: "Shropdoc staff have been pragmatic and generally supportive of the changes required at present and continue to work hard on the solutions.

"We are also in discussion with our commissioners who are fully informed.

"There is no indication that service levels will be affected as we approach winter."

In August it was confirmed that Dr Muirhead had written to GPs saying the service was costing far more than Shropdoc was receiving.

A number of posts had been lost and the chief executive had also left by mutual consent, the letter said.

Shropdoc's contract is to provide out-of-hours GP care in community hospitals. While the hospitals will have a doctor on-site during working hours, from about 6.30pm to 8am, Shropdoc will provide a GP who can also be called out to provide care in the local area.

Last year it emerged that West Midlands Ambulance Service was concerned about Shropdoc trying to recruit paramedics.

Speaking at the time Barry McKinnon, Shropshire area manager for the West Midlands Ambulance Service, said: "We are currently faced with the impact of Shropdoc starting to recruit urgent care practitioners.

"They are targeting paramedics and we have lost five to Shropdoc and they are looking for more."

He added: "If they continue to recruit our staff at a higher pay band then it is going to have a significant impact."

Seven-year-old boy drowned in pool at birthday party

By Jonny Drury

A YOUNG boy who attended a family friend's surprise birthday party was discovered face down at the bottom of a swimming pool, an inquest heard.

Harvey Worgan, seven, was found at the bottom of Nigel Price's pool in Llandyssil, near Montgomery, on June 17.

The inquest at Welshpool Magistrates Court heard that Harvey and his parents Ben and Lucy attended Mr Price's party along with 50 other guests.

The youngster's father had been working for Mr Price that day and arrived at his house around 5pm before his wife arrived with their son.

Harvey had been in the pool and had his father told him to stay in the shallow end.

In his statement read out during the inquest, Mr Worgan said he was away from the poolside speaking to Mr Price, and had last seen his son walking around the outside the edge of the water.

Help

Another guest Dyfrig Huw Rees went to the pool area when he saw the boy laying face down at the bottom and attempted to help him.

Dr Andrew Bamber, a paediatric pathologist based at the Heath Hospital in Cardiff, told the inquest there was no evidence of significant injury and there was a presence of 300ml of water in the stomach and changes to the lungs.

He said his death is consistent with one from immersion in water.

In a statement, Harvey's father described his son as 'a boy with a lovely smile', who was often keen to help him out at work.

He said in his statement: "He's not just a son but my best friend."

A JustGiving page was set up by Harvey's aunt Emma following the tragic death, and £3,347 was raised towards funeral costs.

Coroner Andrew Barkley said there was no indication that Harvey fell in the pool, and concluded he died of drowning as a result of an accident.

He said: "At the particular time of the incident no-one specifically saw Harvey.

'It seems to me that Harvey was only out of sight for a matter of moments.

"There's no clear evidence how he got to the pool. No indication that he fell in. The cause of death is immersion in water as a result of an accident."

Drug runner posed in judge's wig in selfie

Kareen Bagnall, of Welshpool, was jailed for nine years. The brazen 22-year-old posed in a judge's wig on Facebook.

A DRUG dealer, who was caught with £5,000 of crack cocaine, posed for a Facebook selfie wearing a judge's wig.

Kareen Bagnall, 22, of Welshpool, posted the picture to her Facebook page in May adding: "One day."

She was first arrested in January after police found her and her mother Anthea with the stash in her car in Birmingham.

The pair from Welshpool were jailed for nine years each at Birmingham Crown Court on Thursday last week for conspiracy to supply Class A drugs. Kareen Bagnall had been on bail when the picture of her in the wig was posted on her page.

One friend even commented: "Good for u! And you actually look good in the wig!"

The pair had been drug runners in a huge crime syndicate across the Midlands which supplied heroin, crack cocaine and guns.

Known as 'County Lines', the gang of nine were imprisoned for more than 60 years in total following the joint operation between West Midlands Regional Organised Crime Unit and the National Crime Agency.

Ringleader Mohammed Rafiq Khan, 29, from Bordeseley Green, was detained at Shrewsbury station in February where he was found in possession of five mobiles, £1,500 in cash and tickets to Dubai.

Investigations found more than 100 calls per day were made using Khan's line to drug users in Welshpool, Shrewsbury and Birmingham. Khan was jailed for 33 years.

Khan had also been involved in the distribution of weapons around the region.

Detective Inspector James Mahon, from the West Midlands Serious and Organised Crime Unit, said: "This was a complex investigation but has led to significant prison sentences and illegally held guns and drugs being removed from the streets. These converted sawn off shotguns had the potential to be extremely dangerous in the wrong hands; while drugs can ruin lives and communities."

Politician leads calls to shelve tourism tax proposal

A Mid Wales politician is leading calls for the Welsh Government's controversial tourism tax to be shelved immediately.

Montgomeryshire Assembly Member Russell George and his Welsh Conservative colleagues sponsored a debate in the Senedd in Cardiff proposing that the National Assembly for Wales "does not believe a tourism tax should be implemented in Wales."

It responds to plans outlined by the Welsh Government's Cabinet Secretary for finance to introduce a tax – one of four potential new taxes being considered – which could result in charges to visitors staying in accommodation.

Powys businesses have warned of the "devastating effect" a tourism tax could have on the industry, potentially serving to deter visitors from coming to Mid Wales.

Mr George said: "This ill-conceived proposal for a tourism tax would devastate the tourism sector in Mid Wales. It would compromise the progress which has been made to boost Wales's visitor economy; undermine business sustainability, investment and employment opportunities in the tourism sector; and put Mid Wales at a serious disadvantage compared with other locations across the border in England.

"The prospect of introducing a tourism tax will harm Wales's competitiveness and heap additional pressure on an industry which already pays tourism VAT and which also has concerns about the impact of increases in business rates, wage increases, rising inflation and escalating food and energy costs."

Mr George believes the idea of a tax has spooked the industry. He added: "The mere suggestion of a tourism tax has spooked the industry and damaged confidence in Wales's tourism sector so I am urging the Welsh Government to immediately drop this proposed tax from their shortlist to provide much-needed certainty to the tourism industry and send a message to businesses across Mid Wales who rely on tourism that they will be supported rather than penalised. We should be giving the industry the tools to allow it to continue making a huge contribution to job creation and growth across Wales.

Cluster set-up used as model for rest of Wales

A CLUSTER which is set to take over county council run services is the first of its kind in Wales and is being used as a model for the rest of the country.

Over three years since discussions began, a Community Interest Company has been set up in Llanfyllin which 12 other community councils from the area.

The cluster first surfaced in response to proposed Powys County Council cuts, in a bid to save services in north Powys communities.

The CIC has a director from every community council involved, which includes neighbouring villages such as Llanwddyn, Llanfihangel, Meifod and Llansantffraid.

The group will take responsibility for services such as grass cutting and street cleaning from April, as well as taking over 50 per cent of Llanfyllin Library.

County councillor and chair of the cluster Peter Lewis, recently met with the Welsh Government.

He said: "It is the first of its kind in Wales and has taken a lot of work to get going and set up.

"We were down at the Welsh Government recently as they wanted to know how we had done things, and set things up.

"They want to use us as a model as they want to cut the number of community councils to save money."

Wartime poets' friendship in the spotlight

A PLAY looking at the friendship of two war poets, one from Oswestry, is running at a theatre.

Not about Heroes, by Stephen MacDonald, is being performed at Theatre Clwyd, Mold, until Saturday.

In 1917 both Wilfred Owen and Siegfried Sassoon were patients in Craiglockhart Hospital in Edinburgh.

Owen, who was born in Oswestry, was suffering from shell-shock. Sassoon, a decorated war hero, was now a public dissenter, totally disillusioned by the futility and catastrophic slaughter of the trenches. Sassoon survived the war but Owen was killed just one week before the Armistice in November 1918.

His mother, back home in Shropshire, received a telegram notifying her of her son's death just as the church bells were ringing out to celebrate the cessation of hostilities.

The play tells of Wilfred Owen's journey to become a war poet, destined for posthumous greatness, through his relationship with Sassoon, their mutual hatred of war and belief in the power of poetry.

Not About Heroes is performed by Daniel Llewelyn Williams and Iestyn Arwel and directed by Tim Baker. Tickets are available from (01352) 701521.

Society will hear about war fallen

THE first meeting of the 2017-2018 season of The Welshpool Society will be held on Tuesday at 7.30pm at The Corn Exchange, Welshpool Town Hall.

Natalie Bass will give a talk about the 28 World War One soldiers buried or commemorated at Christ Church, Welshpool. Natalie Bass who with Karl has been restoring, preserving and living in Christ Church shares some of the stories of the fallen soldiers of the First World War commemorated in the church which give an insight to events of the Great War, as well as life in Welshpool 100 years ago. All are welcome and the admission is £2.50. Tea and coffee will be available.

Man denies public order offence claim

A WELSHPOOL man has been bailed after denying a public order offence.

Mark Alexander, 24, of Berriew Street, Welshpool, appeared before magistrates last week, where he pleaded not guilty to the offence.

He will go on trial at Welshpool Magistrates Court on December 5.

Planning bid by factory is rejected again

A PLANNING application to extend a store facility at a wood panel manufacturer has been rejected for a second time.

Kronospan in Chirk, near Oswestry, had re-submitted a planning application to build an extension to store medium density fibreboard and chipboard.

In the past the application had been refused permission due to a substantial increase in the mass of the building, which would have risen above tree level and caused landscape impact, including views from Chirk Castle estate.

The original application in 2016 was rejected, however the new application has reduced the size of the building.

However, a report that went before a Wrexham Council planning committee on Monday evening said the application did not overcome previous concerns regarding the visual impact. Within the planning documents one objection said that residents were living in fear due to a recent fire at the factory at the Holyhead Road site.

Other concerns also included traffic and noise.

Within the report, the head of environment and planning said the development would be an unwelcome addition to the site.

The application was recommended for refusal and rejected by nine to two.

Firm delighted with Which? trader status

BOSSES at a heating firm say they are delighted it has become a Which? Trusted Trader.

To gain the status North West Heating Solutions went through a series of assessments that looked at the way the company conducts its business and the procedures adopted to support the service offered to their customers.

Not all companies who apply to become a Which? Trusted Trader pass the assessment procedure, so North West Heating Solutions believes that with this endorsement it can now demonstrate it is a bonafide, trustworthy and highly reputable company, who expertly supplies and installs the latest in German engineered, energy efficient electric heating systems.

David Lukeman, managing director, said: "By becoming a Which? Trusted Trader we hope that this will show our customers that we, as we always have done, will continue to provide the highest level of service. I believe that this recognition and endorsement can only secure and strengthen the level of confidence between our company and all of our customers.

To become a Which? Trusted Trader, North West Heating Solutions, like many other companies, went through a five-step programme which included a full assessment of the existing business. This is a comprehensive assessment that not only looks at broad range of administrative procedures to see how the business is run, but reviews a selection of customer references and carries out a full background credit check.

Olympics group to be established

A NEW Special Olympics Network is to be created for Shropshire to bring existing activity together under a new umbrella organisation

Jessica Lightwood, from the Inclusively Fit project at county sports partnership Energize, said: "The network is being set up to connect pockets of activity already happening in the community.

"The intention is to provide an umbrella network to support the pathway for people to access opportunities to take part competitively, or for fun, at local, regional, national and for many international competitions.

"When the network is set up we will be actively recruiting people with learning difficulties into physical activity opportunities, putting on taster events, and eventually hosting local competitions and sending teams to regional competitions."

For more information about the new Special Olympics project visit www.energize.org.uk/events or people can call (01743) 297191.

MP welcomes party leaders' determination to tackle sexual misconduct in Westminster

Report by Jonny Drury

MONTGOMERYSHIRE MP Glyn Davies has welcomed the action taken by Prime Minister Theresa May over the Westminster sexual misconduct allegations.

Mrs May met other party leaders on Monday in the wake of the Parliamentary sex scandal.

Westminster party leaders agreed to introduce a new grievance procedure for staff to deal with misconduct allegations.

It comes as several Conservative and Labour MPs are investigated over allegations of sexual misconduct.

The Prime Minister said the measures, which will also include face-to-face human resources support, were an "important step forward".

Mr Davies said: "It's good that all political parties are agreed about the need to put in place an independent structure to deal with harassment and bullying in the Westminster Parliament.

"I hope other parliaments in the UK will do the same.

"The Prime Minister has taken the initiative and other party leaders have responded.

"Theresa May, whom I think has been quite shocked by what she has been faced with over recent days, has moved quickly, and other party leaders have also responded quickly.

"It's crucial that everyone who feels they have been subject to harassment or bullying have access to face-to-face support services.

"Anyone who feels they have been abused needs to know they will be listened to.

"When I was a young man, sexual harassment was much more prevalent than it is today.

"To some extent it was almost accepted as a part of growing up.

"But thankfully, times and attitudes have moved on.

"This is very welcome. Harassment is not acceptable today.

"It's not an issue of morality.

"It's an issue about power and use of positions of influence.

"The announcement from party leaders is to do with promoting a culture of respect.

"There may be more revelations of unacceptable behaviour, and it's important that each case is considered carefully – for the sake of everyone involved.

"I hope we can all welcome the determination of our political leaders to deliver the message that harassment in all its forms in our parliaments must end."

The new grievance procedure should be in place next year, said Mrs May, with the new face-to-face support service, an upgrade of an existing complaints hotline, to be introduced by the end of the month.

Speaking after the meeting in her parliamentary office, Mrs May said: "I think if this hasn't happened to you it's difficult to appreciate the impact that being a victim of this sort of behaviour can have, it simply has a lasting impact on people."

Universal Credit set to be rolled out in the new year

Report by Thom Kennedy

JOB Centres in Shropshire will see the start of the controversial new Universal Credit as soon as February, it has been revealed.

It is scheduled to be rolled out in Shropshire early next year, with Telford to follow in the summer.

Shropshire Council, including Job Centres in Oswestry, Bridgnorth, Market Drayton, Shrewsbury and Whitchurch, will transfer to the new system of benefit payments on February 7.

Claimants in Telford & Wrekin will see their payments move to the new system in late July, it has been announced.

The news comes as the new system – which provides a single type of benefit to replace existing systems such as housing benefit, child tax credits, income support, working tax credits, jobseeker's allowance or employment and support allowance – came under further fire from politicians.

Labour Party Leader Jeremy Corbyn used a recent PMQs to ask Prime Minister Theresa May to "respect the will of the House" and pause Universal Credit after MPs supported a non-binding motion in Parliament to halt the welfare reforms.

He raised concerns over "hard-pressed" councils having to "pick up the bill" from the new system.

The warnings came amid reports that people are having to wait up to six weeks to pick up their first payments under the new system.

Gareth Niblett from the Job Centre in Shropshire said: "We have held some good events talking about Universal Credit and how it will work, and how it will be a digital service.

"There were concerns we have seen around waiting times, but we put a lot of time into talking to our partners about support for people during the initial assessment phase.

"It's a large period before their first payment, but if they are struggling we do have an advance for people and alternative payments arrangements."

Some councils which have already adopted Universal Credit have said the system is "pushing people into poverty" because of the 42-day wait for the initial payment, leaving them in arrears.

Reports have suggested that the new system has led to some people falling into rent arrears during the waiting period, while food bank use has also seen a spike.

Jill's commitment recognised by hero award

Hospital chief executive Mark Brandreth presents Jill Higginson with her Health Hero Award with colleagues from theatre watching on

STAFF nurse Jill Higginson has been recognised for her commitment and dedication to patients and colleagues – being named the latest winner of the Health Hero Award at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital.

Jill is part of the recovery team in the theatre department and received five nominations from recovery manager Kath Hughes and staff nurses Claire Ilott, Nicola Mazi, Ann Bishop and Jayne Beech.

They hailed the experienced nurse as someone always willing to go above and beyond for patients and colleagues alike.

Citations included Claire's, which stated: "Jill always goes the extra mile for her patients and colleagues. She cheers us all up with her smile. Previously, she's stayed nine hours extra at the end of her shift when the department was short staffed and thought nothing of it."

Nicola added: "She shows enormous dedication to her patients and will do anything to ensure their needs are met."

And Ann said: "She always puts her patients first; she's a very compassionate and caring nurse."

Jill said: "It's a complete shock, but also an honour to have been chosen as this month's Health Hero winner. It's lovely to know my team nominated me and I can't thank them enough. I feel very loved and supported by the whole department."

The award was presented to Jill by chief executive Mark Brandreth.

He said: "It's clear by her colleagues' words that Jill is a highly valued member of staff and her devotion to her patients is an inspiration to everyone. I would like to thank Jill for the part she is playing in the delivery of outstanding patient care at RJAH."

Police at the forefront of battle against modern slavery

POLICE in North Wales are at the forefront of the battle against modern slavery and human trafficking, it has been revealed.

A study by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary shows there has been an increase in the number of cases coming to light in the region.

North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner Arfon Jones said it was positive that more of the crimes were being uncovered and said his officers were are the forefront in the UK of tackling the problem.

He has funded the UK's first support officer for victims of slavery.

The study said thousands of men, women and children were victims of modern slavery and human trafficking in the UK.

There are working in areas from nail bars to construction sites, and involved in activities from domestic servitude to the trafficking of children for sexual exploitation.

Mr Jones said: "Tackling modern slavery and human trafficking is a priority in my Police and Crime Plan and as a result the force has over the past 12 months put a great deal of resources into investigations and safeguarding the survivors.

"The increase in the number of cases is positive because it demonstrates that North Wales Police is being proactive and at the forefront of the national response to this abhorrent crime.

"There is however no room for complacency which is why amongst other things I have funded the appointment of the UK's first support officer dedicated to helping victims.

"Modern slavery is often a hidden crime that is rarely reported by the victims themselves but are normally reported by third parties or discovered by police investigations.

"It is vital to increase public awareness so we are working hard with our partners to expose and tackle this issue, protect the people who are being exploited and bring offenders to justice.

"To do this we need the communities of North Wales to support us, to look out for evidence of it and to contact the police if they have concerns."

PROPERTY

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO HOME BUYING AND LETTING

Charming home in quiet road in picturesque village

WHITTINGTON £285,000

A charming semi-detached village cottage in a popular road and set in a garden plot, Westbourne House, 11 Top Street, Whittington near Oswestry is for sale through JJ Dell & Co at £285,000. The property is situated in a quiet road within the village. Whittington has excellent local facilities including a post office, village shop, hairdressers, ancient moated castle, a church and two pubs. The property is a traditionally constructed semi-detached house, dating back to the 1800s with a 1980s extension. It has gas fired central heating and double glazing.

In more detail it has an entrance hall with a timber glazed door to an inner hall, a utility with a sink, water softener unit, base cupboards with a worktop, plumbing for a washing machine, space for a dryer and tiled flooring. There is also a shower room including a WC with tiled flooring. The kitchen has modern units, a sink, ample fitted wall and base cupboards with worktops, an extractor canopy, dishwasher and tiled flooring. Having a modern white suite, the bathroom comprises a bath, low-level WC, vanity wash hand basin, a heated towel rail, complementary wall tiling and vinyl flooring. Bedroom one has a fitted bedroom suite with a vanity wash basin and carpet.

The dining room has stairs to the first floor, a beamed ceiling and carpet. This is open to the sitting room which features a modern brick inglenook fireplace with a gas point, a beamed ceiling, an under-stairs cupboard and carpet. The sun room has tiled flooring. Bedroom one has a fitted wardrobe and carpet. Bedroom two has a fitted wardrobe, vanity wash hand basin and carpet.

Outside the property fronts onto Top Street and has the benefit of a tarmacadam drive providing ample car parking and leads to the timber workshop. This is 6m by 4m, is sheeted and has power and light.

There is an award-winning, neat and well maintained side/rear garden comprising of well stocked plants, shrubs and flowers with a good size patio area, timber summer house, a mahogany bridge over an ornamental pond, a rear entertainment area and a water well.

KEY FEATURES

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Well located property in hamlet comes with cottage

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£229,950 <<<

Well located in the small hamlet of Pentre Felin in the Tanat Valley, 2 Glanrafon Cottages, Pentre Felin, Llangedwyn, comes with an attached single bedroom cottage subject to a protected tenancy, known as Number 1.

Coming with good sized gardens, a range of detached outbuildings and having scope for improvement, it is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £229,950.

The main drive approach off the access lane passes by a range of brick/stone and slate roofed detached stores providing ample storage.

A small section is included with No1 Glanrafon Cottages, and is therefore subject to the protected tenancy status.

Contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01691 679595 for more details.

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CHARTERED SURVEYORS

LLANGYNOG

- Spacious Detached Dormer House
- Views Overlooking The Valley
- OFCH & DG
- Reception Hall
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Living Room & Dining Room
- Cloakroom & Utility
- Four Bedrooms (Master En Suite)
- Paddock - In All Approx. 2 Acres
- EPC Band - E

JJD973

GUIDE PRICE £450,000

OVERTON ROAD, NR. ST. MARTINS

- Spacious Detached Character Cottage
- Set Within Extensive Grounds
- Reception Hall
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility And Cloakroom
- Large Living Room
- Four Bedrooms (One En-Suite)
- Parking For Up To 6 Cars
- Large Garage
- Workshop/Annex
- EPC Band - F

JJD953

GUIDE PRICE £410,000

GOBOWEN

- Close Care Residential Bungalow On Attractive Purpose-Built Complex
- Semi-Rural Location
- CH & DG
- Kitchen
- Large Lounge/Dining Area
- Conservatory
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Cloakroom
- Integral Garage
- Short Walking Distance Of Day Room
- EPC Band - E

JJD982

GUIDE PRICE £104,950

GLYN CEIRIOG

- Attractive Mid Terraced Property
- Central Village Location
- OCH & PVC DG
- Living Room
- Kitchen Diner
- Two Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Walk-In Wardrobe
- Loft Room/Office
- Front And Rear Gardens
- On-Street Parking
- EPC Band - E

JJD978

£140,000

TREFLACH, NR. OSWESTRY

- Spacious Detached House Occupying Attractive Position
- Stunning Views Towards Shropshire Plain
- Reception Hall
- Three Reception Rooms
- Kitchen & Utility
- Cloakroom & Study
- Five Bedrooms
- Bathroom & En-Suite
- Large Garden Plot
- Double Garage
- Solar Panels
- EPC Band - D

JJD969

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £425,000

OSWESTRY

- Spacious Detached Bungalow With Views Overlooking The Town
- GFCH & D/G
- Reception Hall
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Conservatory
- Garage And Utility
- Log Cabin
- Well Stocked Garden With Entertainment Areas
- Corner Plot And Ample Parking
- EPC Band - D

JJD972

GUIDE PRICE £279,995

ST. MARTINS

- Detached Three Bed. Bungalow On Generous Plot
- GFCH & DG
- Entrance Hall
- Living Room
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Attic Room
- Garage/Store
- Four Workshops
- Gardens And Ample Parking
- EPC Band - E

JJD960

GUIDE PRICE £254,999

OSWESTRY

- Spacious Detached Family House
- Convenient For Town And Local Primary Schools
- GCH
- Reception Hall
- Dining Room & Living Room
- Kitchen
- Utility/Garden Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Well Maintained Gardens
- Garage
- EPC Band -E

JJD974

GUIDE PRICE £167,500

DEVELOPMENT SITE - HENGOED

- Site Extending To 0.8 Acres
- Property Occupied By Repairs Garage
- OPP For Four Executive Dwellings
- Outskirts Of Village Location
- Open Views Across Surrounding Countryside
- We understand Mains Electricity And Water Available

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£445,000

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OSWESTRY-TO LET

- Spacious Two/Three Bed. Town Apartment
- GFCH
- Reception Hall
- Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Lounge
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Roof Terrace
- EPC Band - D
- Rent £425 pcm. Deposit £425
- Agreement Cost - £180 inc. VAT

JJD096

RENT £425 PCM

OSWESTRY - TO LET

- One Bedroomed Flat Convenient For Town Centre
- Shared Entrance Lobby
- Landing
- Sitting Room
- Dining Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
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Property is an integral part of life in village

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Now on the market for the first time in nearly 40 years, this property, which dates from the 17th century, is now for sale through Balfours at £355,000.

Set within a quarter of an acre of mature gardens and grounds, Smithy House has three main reception rooms plus a conservatory, kitchen, pantry and ground floor wet room. Agent, Duncan Scobie of Balfours said: "From the sandstone inglenooks and conservatory base to the wonderful web of timbers, this is a very unique and charming property. It is well laid out with each of the reception rooms of good proportions.

Contact Balfours on 01743 353511.

Country cottage in idyllic setting is beautifully presented

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£380,000 <<<

A beautifully presented three-bedroomed detached country cottage in an idyllic setting, Garreg Lwyd at Moelfre near Llansilin has been sympathetically renovated.

Being tastefully decorated and having stunning views towards the Berwyn Mountains and Moelfre Lake, it is for sale through Town & Country at £380,000.

The property is warmed by oil central heating and has double glazing. The gardens are lawned and shrubbed to the front and rear, with a barbeque and seating area ideal for entertaining.

Its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hall, a living room, a conservatory, kitchen/breakfast room, three bedrooms, one en-suite and a bathroom.

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Plot 16 Oakwood Grange, Morda £159,950

3 bedroom semi-detached house with garage constructed on a small development of just 24. Shower, oven, hob and carpets included as standard. The image is an artist's impression. The kitchen shows example of similar homes from the same builder. EPC Rating = B Pictures are artists impressions. Available Now.

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Derwent Ucha, Old Racecourse, Oswestry £349,950

An individual detached house with stunning views over countryside. 3 Receptions. 3 Bedrooms. Oil C/H. Offering scope for improvement and modernisation. Single and double garage. Level lawns to both front and rear. EPC Rating: 32(F)
●●● No Chain ●●●

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2 Sandstone Cottages Knockin Heath £230,000

Attractive semi-detached cottage built from local Shropshire red sandstone and set in cottage style gardens. G/floor lounge, kitchen/dining room and bathroom and upstairs two bedrooms. Ample parking. EPC Rating = E(52)

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14 Roundwood Close, Oswestry £159,950

Two bedroom detached bungalow. Gas central heating, double glazing and a recently installed fitted kitchen with new oven and hob. Parking, detached garage and the rear gardens in particular are quite large for an estate style property. EPC rating = D(56).

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2 Glanrafon Cottages, Pentre Felin £229,950

Well located in a small hamlet in the Tanat Valley. Affording 2 bedrooms, 2 receptions, kitchen. Oil-fired Rayburn providing domestic hot water. Attached is a single bedroom cottage subject to a protected tenancy - known as number 1. Good sized gardens, range of detached outbuildings. Scope for improvement. EPC rating = 1(G)

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18 High Fawr Close Oswestry £280,000

Spacious detached 4 bedroom house. Kitchen/breakfast room including appliances. Gas C/H. D/G. Large attic room over garage. L-shaped lounge/diner. Enclosed rear gardens, large drive and hardstanding to the fore. EPC Rating = 58(D).
●● No onward chain ●●

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10 Plas Newydd Close, Oswestry £215,000

Detached 3 bedroom house within walking distance of the town centre. With master en-suite. Lounge, open plan kitchen / dining room / family room, play room, cloaks and utility. Gas C/H, D/glazed. Gardens and driveway parking. EPC Rating = D(68)

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Tontine Inn, Melverley £480,000

Former Public House now affords a large detached residence, well maintained in pleasant location. Recently up-graded home or offers opportunity for B & B. Oil C/H, large sun room, open-plan living/dining room with impressive fireplace. Seven bedrooms all have en-suite bathroom or shower facilities. The grounds afford a range of useful detached stores/workshop or garage. EPC Rating:65(C)

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Spacious bungalow enjoys great views

OSWESTRY
£279,995

A spacious two bedroom bungalow with stunning views overlooking the town towards the Shropshire Plain, 22 Hampton Close, Oswestry, is convenient for the town's shopping centre.

The property is on the market through JJ Dell and Co with a guide price of £279,995.

The home occupies a quiet position on Hampton Close, a popular residential area within walking distance of the town's shopping centre.

The property is an individually designed spacious detached bungalow constructed traditionally of brick under a tiled roof.

For more details about the property contact JJ Dell and Co on 01691 653437 and 680212.

Property is spacious and in much sought after area

ST MARTINS
£369,950 <<<

A desirable and spacious five bedroom detached family home, Inch Murrin in St Martins, is in a much sought after area.

It is on the market through Town and Country for £369,950 and there is no chain. Local part exchange would be considered. The property is a magnificent family residence which has been built to a high specification throughout and benefits from entrance hall, cloakroom, office/sitting room, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, two master bedrooms with en-suite and a further three bedrooms and family bathroom.

Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate this beautiful property.

For more details contact Town and Country on 01691 679631.

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Inglis Road, Park Hall — £300,000
- A rare opportunity to purchase a spacious Detached 5 Bedroom Family Home
- Situated in the popular hamlet of Park Hall
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen and Utility Room.
- Master Bedroom with En-suite
- 4 further Double Bedrooms and Family Bathroom.
- Well designed landscaped garden offering a wide range of uses
- Double Garage and Driveway.
- Gas Fired Central Heating and uPVC Double Glazing
- EPC Rating C (71)

Morda Road, Oswestry — £325,000
- A recently modernised 3 Bedroom Detached Home
- lovely outlook across Oswestry Cricket Ground, perfect for cricket lovers.
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen
- Breakfast Area, Dining Room and Sun Room
- 3 good sized Bedrooms and Family Bathroom.
- An enclosed lawn area, with patio providing an outdoor seating area.
- Graveled driveway to front & rear Driveway leading to Double Garage.
- Gas C/H and UPVC Double Glazed windows

Llansantffraid — £290,000
- NO CHAIN
- A traditional 3 bedroom detached black and white stone cottage
- Set on the outskirt of the popular village of Llansantffraid
- Half an acre of land and is surrounded by open countryside
- Entrance Hall, Kitchen/Dining Area, Living/Dining Room
- Conservatory, Sitting/Family Room, Garden Room and Shower Room
- 3 Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom
- Large gardens with a raised decking area, large driveway
- Summerhouse and double garage
- EPC Rating G

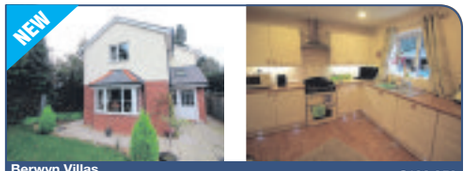
Abraham Court, Oswestry — £79,995
- This beautifully appointed ground floor purpose built apartment
- House Manager with Careline backup ensuring help 24 hours a day
- Camera controlled entry phone system
- Sealed unit D/G & night storage heating
- resident's lounge & Guest suite with en-suite facilities

Rosehill Avenue, Whittington — £199,995
- NO CHAIN
- A well proportioned 3 bedroom detached dormer bungalow
- Situated in the sough after village of Whittington,
- Entrance Hall, Shower Room, Lounge, Kitchen
- Dining Room/Bedroom 4 and Office/ Bedroom 3.
- To the first floor there are a further 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- An enclosed rear garden with a paved seating area and lawn
- Driveway and Single Garage
- UPVC double glazing and Gas C/H. EPC Rating

Milars Field, Oswestry — £189,995
- An excellent 4 Bedroom Family Home
- Situated within a popular residential location
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Kitchen/ Breakfast Room
- Lounge (with Juliet balcony)
- Master Bedroom and En-Suite
- 3 further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Low maintenance private rear garden
- Single garage and parking area
- Gas C/H. D/G EPC Rating B (82)

Minshall Place — £84,995
- NO CHAIN
- Spacious and well maintained Leasehold 2 Bedroom First Floor Apartment
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom.
- Rear garden laid mainly to lawn
- 2 allocated parking spaces to the front
- UPVC double glazing. EPC Rating E (53)
- IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY OR INVESTMENT

Building Plot, Chirk Bank — £74,995
- A residential plot located in the picturesque village of Chirk Bank extending to 0.04 acres or thereabouts with outline planning permission for the erection of one detached dwelling
- The site is located within walking distance of the Shropshire Union Canal and the Chirk Aqueduct

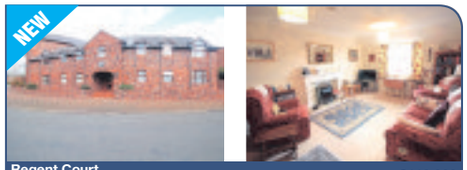


Berwyn Villas, Gobowen — £199,950
- 3 Bedroom Detached Family Home situated in a quiet location
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Living Room
- Kitchen/Diner, Rear Hallway and Utility Room.
- Master Bedroom with En-suite
- 2 further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom.
- Gardens to front and rear, along with 2 allocated parking spaces.
- Gas C/H, Solar Panel and uPVC double glazingEPC Rating C (80)

Oaklands Drive, Whittington — £245,000
- A well proportioned 4 Bedroom Detached Home
- Situated in a desirable residential area within the popular village of Whittington
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room
- Conservatory, Kitchen and Utility
- Master Bedroom with En-suite
- 3 further good size Bedrooms and Family Bathroom.
- Private enclosed garden to the rear, driveway and single garage.
- Gas Central Heating and uPVC double glazing. EPC Rating D (64)

Gatacre Road, Oswestry — £139,995
- A well positioned 3 Bedroom Terrace House situated within a sought after area of the Market Town of Oswestry.
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen and Utility Room
- Master Bedroom, 2 further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Garden to the rear is enclosed and laid mainly to gravel and paving
- Close proximity to the town centre and the famous Old Hill fort.
- Gas Fired Central Heating and uPVC Double Glazing
- EPC Rating D (64). NO CHAIN

Prince Street, Oswestry — £91,995
- A well presented 2 Bedroom Mid-Terrace House
- Lounge, Dining Room and Kitchen
- 2 double Bedrooms and a Bathroom.
- Gated off road parking
- Double glazing and gas central heating
- NO CHAIN. EPC RatingD (64)



Regent Court, Oswestry — £110,000
- Well appointed 1 Bedroom First Floor Apartment in Regent Court
- A purpose built retirement complex with modern amenities
- Living/Dining Area, Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom, Bedroom One and Dressing Room
- The complex itself has a 24 hour resident secretary facility together
- Communal lounge and garden, secure designated car parking
- Security entrance system, lift to all floors and guest accommodation
- EPC Rating C (76)

Hampton Rise, Oswestry — £325,000
- A rare opportunity to purchase a 3 Bedroom Detached House
- Situated within a desirable established residential location
- Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall, Cloakroom
- Dining Room, Lounge, Kitchen/ Breakfast Room & Utility
- 3 Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom.
- Excellent plot with mature front and rear gardens
- Driveway and single garage
- Oil central heating and double glazing
- EPC Rating D (60)
- NO CHAIN

Weston Road, Oswestry — £595,000
- A spectacularly positioned 3-bedroom detached bungalow with stunning views
- 8.78 acres (3.71 ha) or thereabouts of adjoining land Adjacent to the existing bungalow,
- Full P.P has been granted for large 4-bedroom detached house
- Entrance Lobby, Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Bathroom, Kitchen
- Rear Entrance Hall, Store Room, Utility Room, Lounge, Sun Room
- Dining Room, 3 good sized Bedrooms and Garage/Workshop
- The garden has a paved patio providing a outdoor seating area

Waterfall St, Llanrhaeadr YM — £100,000
- 2 Bedroom End Terraced
- Ent Hall, Lounge Dining Rm, Kitchen
- Utility Rm, 2 Bedrooms & Bathroom
- Generous sized terraced garden leading down to river
- Off road parking to the side
- D.G and Electric Storage Heater
- EPC Rating F. NO CHAIN

Hawthorn Grove, Oswestry — £115,000
- A 2 Bedroom Mid-Terraced house situated within a popular residential area
- Hallway, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Lounge
- 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- An enclosed rear garden laid mainly to lawn
- Decked patio providing an outdoor seating area.
- Paved patio area directly off the rear of the property.
- Parking to the front of the property.
- UPVC Double Glazing and Gas C/H.
- EPC Rating D (56). NO CHAIN

Morda Road, Oswestry — £375,000
- A substantial Detached 4 Bedroom Family Home
- Within walking distance of the Market Town of Oswestry
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Music Room, Office, Kitchen/Diner
- Utility, and Dining Room, Master Bedroom with En-suite
- 2nd Bedroom with En-suite, 2 further Bedrooms & Family Bathroom
- plot of 1/3 acre with front and rear gardens
- Orchard/vegetable patch, poly-tunnel and patio areas
- Driveway & Double garage with workshop.

School Lane, St Martins — £150,000
- A deceptively spacious 2 Bedroom Semi-Detached Bungalo
- Situated on a good size plot in a popular village location.
- Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, Sun Room
- 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Good size gardens to the front and rear
- Large garage/workshop and driveway providing ample off road parkin
- Double glazing and electric storage heaters. EPC Rating E (50)

Rowan Close, Gobowen — £159,995
- An well appointed 2 Bedroom Semi-Detached Bungalow
- Porch, Lounge, Kitchen, Conservatory
- 2 Bedrooms and Shower Room
- Well maintained front and rear garden together with off road parking
- Gas C/H and hardwood D/G. EPC Rating D (65)

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Cooler weather presents great time to see otters

ON THE WILDSIDE

with Ben Waddams

THERE are perhaps few sights more evocative of the wild places than an otter swimming silently through the surface sheen of a misty lake or river at dawn.

It joins roaring stags, calling curlew, hunting barn owls and leaping salmon as one of the truly haunting scenes of the British countryside.

The good news is is that now is a great time to try your luck with an otter.

Most of the major streams and larger waterways in the county have resident otters and with chilly mornings on the cards, a sighting of an otter is sure to warm your heart.

Also known as the Old World Otter, our species is, like many medium mammals here in Shropshire, a member of the Mustelidae or weasel family.

Although Shetland is probably "the" best place to see otters in the UK with 12 per cent of the entire population, Shropshire can provide you with a special viewing too.

Britain has worked hard to regain its otter population – other countries have failed.

The otter is believed to be extinct in Liechtenstein, the Netherlands, and Switzerland.

Decimated by the fur trade and more recently pesticide use, the otter was almost extinct from England and Wales at the turn of the last century.

But the banning of many pesticides and the full protection of the species has seen these animals return to every county in the UK.

Like many species, if nature is given a chance, it will take it and the otter is willing to adapt its feeding and mating to survive.

There is no recognised breeding season for otters yet they tend to be most active in this department in spring, for obvious reasons.

Their diet can also be very varied.

On the coast they take many sea species and have a penchant for crabs.

Inland they will take most fish species as well as birds and small mammals.

Often thought of as a creature of rivers, they will actually inhabit any unpolluted body of freshwater, including lakes, streams, rivers and ponds, as long as there is good supply of food.

Otters that live on the coast can only do so with regular access to freshwater to clean their fur.

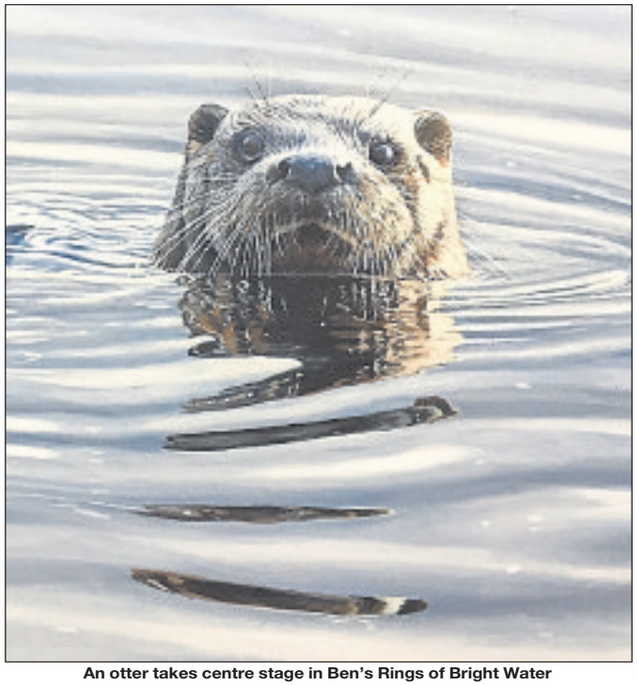
They may be in the count in some numbers but an otter's home range can vary between one and 40 kilometres, with about 18 kilometres being usual.

That again is dependant on the density of food available.

This means that you may take a stroll along a river bank and be moving through the territory of several otters or just a fraction of one!

So although now is a time of plenty across much of the Salopian natural world and otters will be making the most of this bounty, you can't blame this species for always being a little tricky to see. Yet with the return of crisp, clear, beautiful mornings, a dawn stroll by the river is never a failure whether you see an otter or not.

Ben's art is available from The Art Vaults Gallery, Fish St. Shrewsbury



An otter takes centre stage in Ben's Rings of Bright Water

Firm's new boss tells of future plans

THE new managing director of Halls, the Shropshire-based, regional firm of estate and commercial property agents, chartered surveyors, auctioneers and valuers, forsees future growth and diversification of the successful business.

David Giles, who joined the company as a rural professional assistant straight from the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester in 1976, took over from Peter Willcock on October 1. Mr Willcock has stood down but will continue to work for the Shrewsbury-based company as a consultant.

Mr Giles has served as deputy to Mr Willcock since March 1991, following a management buyout of the business, originally known as Hall, Wateridge and Owen, from General Accident.

Today, the business employs 150 full and part-time staff and has a network of nine offices across Shropshire, Worcestershire and North Powys.

Mr Giles says his proudest achievements to date were leading multi-million pound projects to build Shrewsbury Auction Centre in 2006 and the company's new headquarters at Battlefield in 2013.

A dairy cattle specialist, he undertakes a wide range of land management, valuation and rural professional work and is chairman of Shrewsbury Auction Centre.

"Since joining the company in 1976, I have always aspired to become managing director of this business and I am delighted to now assume the role," he said. "Halls is a substantial firm that operates across Shropshire, Worcestershire, Powys and bordering counties.

"We are very active in business centres across the region and have grown considerably over the years. The move to our new headquarters was paramount because it has given the business a far better profile.

"We have never stopped growing and I see future expansion almost inevitable to continue the momentum because, as a business, we can't afford to stand still. We are a very diversified business and are ready and willing to diversify further to drive the company forward.

"There are not many firms, even at a national level, that offer the same breadth of disciplines that Halls does and we are grateful to have very talented people working for us.

"We are always looking for good people to join the business, but it's never easy to find the right staff because we set our standards so high."

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Noddy and I have had a hell of a life

You'd expect him to be the showiest of all of the members of Slade. After all, Dave Hill made a career from modelling silver wigs and platform boots. He was the brightest star in Slade's firmament, the one who'd dress most outrageously, who'd model a great scooping fringe for more years than was sensible.

Yet Dave Hill is as far removed from the caricature as is possible. Our scheduled 15-minute chat turns into 45. And the subjects aren't just Rolls Royces and drink, six number one singles and outrageous apparel – Dave talks about depression and importance of our shared history, about his deep, deep affection for the Black Country and a long-lasting marriage.

The man nicknamed Superyob who rocked the world with Slade is more sensitive and thoughtful than anyone might imagine. Yes, there's Merry Xmas Everybody and six smash LPs in his new book, So Here It Is, which is published this month by Unbound. But there's also talk about post-War Britain and his office job at Tarmac, about sliding into depression during his later years and suffering a stroke, there's an honest assessment of Slade's split – to paraphrase, everyone started to hate Noddy, though Dave and Nod are the best of pals again now – and there's the slow revealing of a gentle soul.

Superyob? Dave Hill. You're having a larf.

"I was born in a castle and then grew up in a council house in Wolverhampton. I had a smashing mum and dad but things were tough growing up in post-War Britain. My life really changed when I heard rock'n'roll music. I said goodbye to an office job at Tarmac and never looked back. I played in various groups before fame came knocking at my door.

"Slade's success didn't happen overnight but boy, were we big when we took off! We had 23 top twenty hits and six number one singles. Three of these went straight to the number one spot – a first, not even matched by The Beatles. Topping it all was Merry Xmas Everybody, which sold over one million copies. We also had six smash LPs, and one time had the number one and two spots on the LP chart. All this made Slade the biggest band in the UK in the 70s, and we were massive all over the world, too.

"Slade had some great years but fashions change and the break-up of the original band was heartbreaking. I thought that would be it for me.

"I battled through depression and got over a stroke, and decided to carry on doing the thing which I do best: I went back on the road with Slade. I've seen more of the world, and more fans, in the last 25 years than I did when the band were at their most famous."

Back in the day – Slade in the early 70s

I was in a dark place – I had two years of really bad depression

Dave's autobiography, inevitably, was created in his beloved Black Country. He met a writer, from Walsall, who was a big Slade fan and encouraged him to jot down his memories. Publishers were slow on the uptake so they took it to Unbound, the pledge-funded organisation. Dave smashed his target – achieving 116 per cent funding from 564 backers.

"It was a nice process. If I'd been with a different publisher, they'd have been telling me what to write. With these guys, I was just allowed to get on with it. I worked with a ghostwriter, he was from Wednesbury. It was important to do it that way. I was working with somebody who understood the way I talk and who related to my upbringing."

Dave didn't just want to write about the good times. He wanted to tell the truth, to write down his experience of mental health issues.

"The Slade years were incredible. We had the most original Christmas song. We influenced a lot of people. Those years took me to destinations I wouldn't have dreamed of. Everything was good until the break-up of the band.

"I didn't know what I was going to do. But I'd got a good wife and three children. I had a lot to carry on for."

Dave is more candid in his book about the break-up than others have been.

"I spoke to Nod about it, he keeps in touch. He said nobody's really written how the split was. So I did my best to write about how it was. Nod and myself have one heck of a life. We have a love for each other. We didn't agree with everything but we agreed with one thing, to be in a great band. We achieved that. Slade were a great rock'n'roll band. We had uniqueness and an honesty.

"With Nod, there was the realisation that he was going to go. And back then, when I weighed it up, maybe there wasn't any love for him in the band any more. He had to do what he had to do. In the early days it was like we were glued together. But we loved it and we're mates now. We'll always be known for it, especially Nod and myself."

Dave's book is equally remarkable for his exploration of depression, which followed routine surgery.

"I was in a dark place for a while. I had two years of really bad depression and was wondering whether I would ever feel good again. It was scary, it was hard on the family. I didn't trust medication. I found the right person who helped me, a great psychiatrist, who knew about medication. She was a specialist in her area and great to talk to. She told me I was 100 per cent depressed."

The joy returned when he listed to some old 60s music in his car. "The music gave me that joy inside. I went on a shopping spree buying clothes, I was Dave Hill again, that bloke, going out and getting stuff. The dark areas faded away. But I've wrote about that in the book."

Andy Richardson

- **So Here It Is: How the Boy From Wolverhampton Rocked the World With Slade, by Dave Hill, is published by Unbound on November 16.**
- **For more entertainment news and reviews see The Ticket in your Shropshire Star every Friday.**

Castle hosts major community exhibition

A MAJOR community based exhibition is being hosted by Powis Castle at Welshpool until November 22.

The exhibition is based in the ballroom of the castle and focuses on the links between India and Wales.

"Indian legends" is a community based arts project, organised by Arts Connection and funded by Arts Council for Wales and the National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies.

The project has spent the last two months working with all sections of the community in and around Welshpool to design and create artefacts which explore cultural links between India and Wales, using the Clive Collection at Powis Castle as inspiration.

Community artists Fiona Collins and Catrin Williams have worked closely with family groups, Ponthafren Welshpool, Ysgol Gymraeg Trallwng and Welshpool Church in Wales Primary School along with the National Trust through storytelling, arts and crafts, puppet making, poetry, writing, fabric painting and banner making.

Fiona Collins said: "This has been a fantastic community based project.

"We have worked with over 75 adults and children over a period of six weeks to produce some truly stunning pieces of work. The participants will be absolutely delighted to see their efforts being exhibited at such a prestigious venue as Powis Castle."

The exhibition has taken centre stage in the ballroom, adjacent to the Clive Collection at Powis Castle, for just over two weeks.

All participants have been given special free entry to the castle during this time.

Catrin Williams added: "This is a really generous gesture by Powis Castle as many of the families of the children taking part can't wait to see their children's work being displayed at the castle."

Get ready to all rock back to the Eighties

A day of classic tunes will once again be held in Shropshire. The Let's Rock 80s music festival will return to Shrewsbury next year, with a line-up of big names from the decade.

The West Midlands' own UB40 will perform at the event along with Kids in America songstress Kim Wilde and Ultravox frontman, and one of the men behind Live Aid, Midge Ure.

Next year's event is set to take place slightly later in the year than the inaugural event.

The concert will be held at The Quarry Park on Saturday, July 14, with tickets on sale now.

Other acts due to appear include Go West, Australian icon Jason Donovan, Five Star, From The Jam and Imagination.

There will also be appearance by China Crisis and Toyah, who both appeared at Theatre Severn earlier this year on the 80s Invasion Tour.

There is also one other major artist still yet to be announced.

And for fans of 80s children's TV, the show will be hosted by Fun House's Pat Sharp and Dave Benson Phillips, known for presenting Get Your Own Back, among other popular shows.

Next year's festival will also feature the Smash Hits Party Live.

There will be performances by Hazel Dean, Fuzzbox, Bow Wow Wow's Annabella, Brother Beyond, Peter Coyle formerly of Lotus Eaters and Agadoo stars Black Lace's Conga Party.

A crowd of thousands ignored the bad weather forecast this year to see their childhood heroes and teenage crushes in the flesh at the Let's Rock Shrewsbury retro festival in May. Held in The Quarry it featuring acts including Spandau Ballet's Tony Hadley, ABC, Brother Beyond, Jaki Graham, Clare Grogan and Altered Images and Nick Heyward.

Also among the acts was Shrewsbury's very own Carol Decker, playing some of her biggest T'Pau hits.

It was the first time that the event had been help in Shrewsbury after similar festivals had been held in Bristol, Exeter, Leeds, Norwich, Southampton and London. And people travelled from all over the West Midlands and beyond to enjoy the day of vintage tunes. For details of next year's concert visit letsrockshrewsbury.com

Singer and actor Jason Donovan will be on stage

NOTICE BOARD

* TREFONEN Garden Club's AGM will be on Thursday at 7.30pm at Trefonen Village Hall. The evening will begin with seasonal refreshments, mulled wine and mince pies with the opportunity to judge the photographic competition, and the free raffle. This will be followed by the business of the AGM with reports by the committee and the treasurer. The committee has been a couple of people short for much of the year. Only one member of the committee now actually lives in the village. Members shall also be talking about the 2018 programme, details of which will be available on the day. A spokesman said: "2017 has been a good year for the club, with the monthly meetings, the quiz night and two outings as well as an excellent plant sale; thank you for all your support in making this a success. Our herb themed stall at the heritage event in July too was successful and allowed a meaningful donation to Horatio's Garden at the orthopaedic hospital. All in all a good year, we hope that you and your friends and neighbours interested in gardening will be able to join for this social evening as we look both forward to 2018 and at the year gone by."

* FOR many the week between Christmas and New Year can fall flat for many people but for those looking to change that there will be an evening of Vintage Rock n Roll at the Church House in Welshpool on Friday, December 29 from 7.30pm.This ticket only evening will feature tributes to the Everly Brothers, Buddy Holly, Jersey Boys and Elvis Presley plus a sumptuous buffet. Tickets are available from Welshpool Jewellers with a discount for those buying before November 30. Early booking is advised as this show sold out earlier in the year.

* WHITTINGTON'S sixth International Chamber Music Festival runs from May 15 to May 20 next year. Making a change from single-composer celebrations, this festival, "Fantasia on a British Theme", will feature the music of 17 British composers. Elgar and Vaughan Williams will head the bill, together with a rich selection of works that should, and will soon, be much better known. There will also be half an hour of folk music to remind the audience where so much of our musical heritage comes from. Musicians include again the celebrated Elias Quartet, as well as Principals of the London Symphony Orchestra and other international artists. Tickets go on general sale from January 1, and for the first time people will be able to book individual seats online. About two-thirds of the seating will remain unreserved, best though to be booked in advance. Members of the Friends Scheme will have preferential priority booking.

Coming soon...

Baroque treat for music fans

Shrewsbury Choral Society will present Venetian Baroque – a selection of music by Monteverdi, Galuppi, Albinoni, Torelli and Vivaldi at Shrewsbury Abbey at 7.30pm on November 18.

Dr Martin Cook, the society's musical director, will be conducting Shrewsbury Choral Society in performing some of the most popular and enjoyable choral music from the Baroque period.

Thelma Foster, chairman of the choral society, said: "It promises to be a super evening that everyone can enjoy."

Martin Cook said: "We are used to the imaginative and exciting programming of Shrewsbury Choral Society and this year's season is no exception. The season kicks off with a veritable feast of Venetian Baroque music. Combining with the now well-established Shrewsbury Sinfonia, led by Anne Tupling, included in the programme is Monteverdi's Beatus Vir.

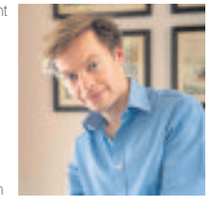
"Monteverdi was first employed at the court of Mantua and later as Meastro di cappella at San Marco in Venice. Beatus Vir is one of his most popular works and has its origins in some earlier secular music."

Vivaldi's Gloria will also feature. The Gloria, together with the Four Seasons, is undoubtedly Vivaldi's best-known work.

He wrote it for the Ospedale della Pieta, the Venetian girls' orphanage where he taught music from 1703.

The wonderfully sunny nature of the Gloria, with its distinctive melodies and rhythms, is characteristic of all of Vivaldi's music.

Book launch to be held



Described in The Independent as 'one of those rare marvels, a historical biographer whose work has reached the bestseller lists', Matthew Dennison is the author of seven critically acclaimed works of non-fiction and is also a former Costa Prize judge.

Later this month at Moreton Hall School near Oswestry, he will be offering an evening to immerse yourself in history and celebrate the life of one of Britain's most remarkable royal consorts.

The Shropshire launch of the eagerly anticipated new book 'The First Iron Lady: A Life of Caroline of Ansbach', the first account of Caroline's life in 70 years, by Moreton Hall's own Matthew Dennison is on Friday, November 24 and promises to be an evening of delightful storytelling.

Often compared to Catherine the Great or Elizabeth I, Caroline of Ansbach is the great Queen Britain forgot it had: thinker, politician, schemer, patroness and matriarch.

Matthew, biographer and broadcaster and Head of Classics at Moreton Hall, offers a remarkable portrait of a woman of great political astuteness and ambition, a radical icon of female power.

Doors open at 6.30pm, tickets are free and signed copies of the book will be available.

Contact Amber Cauchi on cauchia@moretonhall.com or 01691 773671 to book your tickets now.

Fashion show will boost hospice

FUNDRAISERS are encouraging people to get themselves in the Christmas spirit at a fashion show in aid of Hope House Children's Hospice.

The Christmas M&Co Fashion Show has been organised by the Hope House Oswestry Events Group.

It will take place on Thursday, November 25.

Lynsey Kilvert from the hospice, which is based at Morda near Oswestry, said: "The annual fashion show is so popular that it is a sell-out every year.

"The event is held at the beautiful boutique Sweeney Hall Hotel. Upon arrival guests will be greeted with mulled wine and mince pies and will have the opportunity to shop with That's Nice and Classic Jewels and Accessories. Hope House Christmas cards will also be available. The fashion show itself will include both casual day wear and stunning evening wear from M&Co's winter range. Tickets are just £10 and can be purchased from M&Co Oswestry or by contacting the Hope House Fundraising Office on (01691) 671671."

November 11

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Pointless Celebrities
5.55pm
Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present a star-studded version of the general knowledge quiz, in which four teams of children's television presenters compete.

Live International Rugby Union
4.45pm
Wales v Australia (Kick-off 5.15pm). Coverage from the Principality Stadium, as the hosts begin their autumn international campaign.

New You've Been Framed!
6.45pm
Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, including a drone flying into a child's face, a unicycling Scotsman and a builder being crushed by a wall.

Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix Qualifying – Highlights
7.30pm
Steve Jones presents action from the battle for pole position in the 19th and penultimate round of the season, which takes place at Interlagos in Sao Paulo.

NCIS: New Orleans
7.50pm
A petty officer is found dead in a sports arena clutching a tranquilliser gun, and the team discovers the killing is related to a kidnapping case from the past.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
9.15 **Saturday Kitchen Live.** Rochelle Humes, one of this year's Children in Need presenters, joins Matt Tebbutt in the kitchen, where she samples dishes prepared by Selin Kiazim and Miles Kirby.
10.45 **Lord Mayor's Show 2017.** Live coverage of the annual pageant, in which the newly elected Lord Mayor swears loyalty to the Crown. Includes a two-minute silence in observation of Armistice Day.
12.05 **Football Focus.**
12.35 **Bargain Hunt.** Antiques in Marlborough, Wiltshire. (R)
1.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
1.15 **Rugby League World Cup.** Tanya Arnold introduces highlights of the latest group matches, featuring New Zealand v Tonga, Samoa v Scotland and Australia v Lebanon.
2.00 **Live International Rugby Union.** Scotland v Samoa (Kick-off 2.30pm). Gabby Logan introduces coverage of the autumn international at Murrayfield.
4.30 **Escape to the Country.** A couple seek a Welsh retreat. (R)
5.00 **Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme.** Two more would-be poets battle it out through a series of rhyme-based challenges, ably assisted by Sam Quek, Phil Tufnell, Rosemary Shrager and Rickie Haywood Williams.
5.35 **BBC News.**
5.45 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
5.55 **Pointless Celebrities.** Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present a star-studded version of the general knowledge quiz, in which four teams of children's television presenters compete.
6.45 **Strictly Come Dancing.** The competition enters its eighth weekend, as the nine couples take to the dancefloor to demonstrate their latest routines.
8.10 **Casualty.** Ethan's secret seems to have been discovered, but Connie's reluctance to treat her condition gives him a more urgent problem to tackle.
9.00 **Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance 2017.** Huw Edwards hosts the annual Festival of Remembrance at London's Royal Albert Hall, with performances by Emeli Sandé, Tom Odell, Melanie Chisholm, Alfie Boe and Lesley Garrett.
10.40 **BBC News; National Lottery Update.**
11.00 **Mrs Brown's Boys.** Agnes looks after a robotic baby that has been given to Dermot and Maria to help them prepare for their new arrival, and Cathy develops a crush on her psychology lecturer. (R)
11.30 **The NFL Show.** Mark Chapman is joined by former players Osi Umenyiora and Jason Bell to present highlights of Thursday night's game, plus a look at the major stories shaping the NFL world.
12.00 FILM: **Three Fugitives (1989).** A reformed bank robber is an innocent bystander in a heist, but when he is assumed to be guilty he goes on the run with the actual crook. Comedy, with Nick Nolte and Martin Short.
1.35 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
1.40 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.00 **Holiday of My Lifetime with Len Goodman.** Dave Myers reminisces about his favourite holidays. (R)
6.45 **Animal Park Summer Special.** Ben Fogle gets mobbed by a flock of rainbow-coloured lorikeets. (R)
7.30 **Naomi's Nightmares of Nature.** Naomi Wilkinson visits California.
8.00 **Deadly 60.** Behind the scenes on the wildlife show. (R)
8.30 **Show Me What You're Made Of.** The teens go to work at a tea plantation in Taiwan.
9.00 **Saturday Mash-Up!** Online stars Lisa and Lena, actor Freddie Fox, magician Dynamo and musician HRVY visit the studio. Plus, episodes of Danger Mouse, Ooglies, Zig and Zag and The Next Step; **Two Minutes Silence.** Pause for remembrance.
11.00 **Rick Stein's Long Weekends.** The chef visits the Greek city of Thessaloniki. (R)
12.00 **Nigella: At My Table.** Including a recipe for beef and aubergine fatteh. (R)
12.30 **Italy Unpacked.** Andrew Graham-Dixon and Giorgio Locatelli travel through Le Marche and Umbria. (R)
1.30 **Wild Brazil.** The giant otter cubs must learn to swim before their river floods. (R)
2.30 **Flog It!** A collection of the best finds. (R)
3.15 **Mastermind.** Specialist subjects include The Simpsons and Alfred the Great. (R)
3.45 **Cycling – Track World Cup.** Action from day one of the competition from Manchester.
4.45 **Live International Rugby Union.** Wales v Australia (Kick-off 5.15pm). John Inverdale introduces coverage from the Principality Stadium, as the hosts begin their autumn international campaign.
7.30 **International Rugby Union.** England v Argentina. Jason Mohammad presents highlights of the autumn international at Twickenham. With commentary by Andrew Cotter and Brian Moore, and analysis by Jeremy Guscott.
8.30 **Dad's Army.** A night at the cinema and a black-market toasted cheese sandwich make Mainwaring have an unusual dream in which he is Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo. (R)
9.00 FILM: **Effie Gray (2014).** Premiere. A Victorian woman trapped in a loveless marriage to an art critic creates scandal by demanding a divorce. Fact-based period drama, with Dakota Fanning and Emma Thompson.
10.40 **QI XL.** Bill Bailey, Jan Ravens and Grayson Perry join regular panellist Alan Davies and host Sandi Toksvig for an extended edition of the unconventional quiz.
11.25 FILM: **Private Peaceful (2012).** Two brothers' relationship is changed for ever when they serve in the First World War. Drama based on Michael Morpurgo's novel, starring Jack O'Connell and George MacKay.
1.00 FILM: **Free Men (2011).** An Algerian black marketeer in Nazi-occupied France is forced to become a spy, but ends up joining a resistance cell. Second World War drama, with Tahar Rahim and Michael Lonsdale.
2.35 **This Is BBC2.** Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.

ITV

6.00 **CITV:** Sooty **6.10** The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **6.45** Super 4 **7.00** Mission Employable **7.05** Oddbods **7.10** Ultimate Spider-Man: Web Warriors
7.30 **Scrambled!: Scrambled!**
7.35 **Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show.** (R)
7.50 **Scrambled!: Fangbone.** (R)
8.10 **Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls.** (R)
8.30 **Scrambled!: Thunderbirds Are Go.** A modern remake of the classic 1960s adventure series.
9.00 **Scrambled!: Wishfart.** (R)
9.25 **ITV News.**
9.30 **Saturday Morning with James Martin.** With guests Jack Savoretti and Daniel Galmiche.
11.30 **Gino's Italian Coastal Escape.** (R)
11.55 **The Harbour.** The crowds arrive for the Easter weekend and Whitsun holidays. (R)
12.25 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
12.30 **The X Factor.** The second weekend of live shows draws to a close. (R)
2.20 **Thunderbirds Are Go.** The Hood hijacks a charity event. (R)
2.50 **Midsomer Murders.** Barnaby investigates a murder at a golf club. (R)
4.40 **Catchphrase.** Guessing game, hosted by Stephen Mulhern. (R)
5.25 **The Cruise.** The staff and passengers celebrate the ship's first birthday. (R)
5.55 **Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs.** Paul helps a Staffordshire bull terrier that needs to lose some weight. (R)
6.25 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
6.30 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.45 **New You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, including a drone flying into a child's face, a unicycling Scotsman and a builder being crushed by a wall.
7.10 **Ninja Warrior UK.** Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara host the third heat, as competitors from across the UK test their strength, speed and courage in this obstacle-course challenge. (R)
8.10 **The X Factor Live.** Dermot O'Leary hosts as the talent contest enters its third weekend of live eliminations, and the remaining acts step on-stage to face scrutiny at the hands of the judges.
9.40 **The Jonathan Ross Show.** With singer and model Grace Jones, former Great British Bake Off winner Nadiya Hussain, X Factor judge Nicole Scherzinger and comedian Micky Flanagan. Plus, music by Stormzy.
10.40 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.50 **World Cup Qualifier Playoff Highlights.** Jacqui Oatley presents action from all four first-leg matches, including Northern Ireland v Switzerland at Windsor Park and Denmark v Republic of Ireland at the Parken Stadium.
11.55 FILM: **Run Fat Boy Run (2007).** A man who regrets leaving his fiancee standing at the altar tries to prove his love for her by running a marathon. Romantic comedy, with Simon Pegg, Thandie Newton and Dylan Moran.
1.30 **Jackpot247.**
3.00 **The Hungry Sailors.** (R)
3.50 **ITV Nightscreen.**

Channel 4

6.00 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Frank is named Man of the Year at his lodge. (R)
6.25 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ray is mistaken for his mother's toyboy. (R)
6.50 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** A restless Ray is left at home by himself. (R)
7.15 **Frasier.** Guest starring Laura Linney. (R)
7.40 **Frasier.** Niles becomes addicted to fast food. (R)
8.05 **Frasier.** Charlotte and Frasier admit their feelings for each other. (R)
8.30 **The Big Bang Theory.** Sheldon pushes himself to the limit when he commits to two projects.
8.55 **The Big Bang Theory.**
9.20 **The Simpsons.** Bart falls in love. (R)
9.50 **The Simpsons.** (R)
10.15 **The Simpsons.** (R)
10.45 **The Simpsons.** The family visits a scary theme park. (R)
11.15 **The Simpsons.** (R)
11.45 **Come Dine with Me.** The first of a week of dinner parties in and around Aberdeen. (R)
12.20 **Come Dine with Me.** Economics undergraduate David hosts on night two in Aberdeen. (R)
12.50 **Come Dine with Me.** Oil and gas purchasing specialist Sylvian hosts the third dinner party of the week. (R)
1.25 **Come Dine with Me.** Comedy promoter Naz hosts the fourth evening in Aberdeen. (R)
1.55 **Come Dine with Me.** The final night of the competition in Aberdeen. (R)
2.25 **A Place in the Sun: Home or Away.** A home in Dorset or Spain. (R)
3.30 **A Place in the Sun.** Anne Hogarth and her daughter look for a holiday home in Lanzarote. (R)
4.00 **Best Laid Plans.** An architect plans to extend her own home.
5.00 **Grand Designs.** An intrepid pair want to build a Kiwi-style hill house in Worcestershire. (R)
6.00 **Channel 4 News.**
6.30 **Volatile Earth: Killer Floods.** Scientists use the latest forensic techniques to investigate bizarre landscapes in America, Iceland and the floor of the English Channel that might have been caused by huge floods. Previously seen on More4.
7.30 **Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix Qualifying – Highlights.** Action from the battle for pole position in the 19th and penultimate round of the season, which takes place at Interlagos in Sao Paulo.
9.00 FILM: **Terminator Genisys (2015).** Premiere. A soldier fighting in a post-apocalyptic war against living machines is sent back in time to prevent an attempt to change the past - but when he arrives, he finds that history has been changed beyond recognition - and that a plot is being hatched by an unexpected enemy to destroy the future of the human race. Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Emilia Clarke.
11.30 FILM: **GI Joe: Retaliation (2013).** An elite military team battles a terrorist organisation that has replaced the US president with an imposter. Action adventure sequel, with Dwayne Johnson and Bruce Willis.
1.40 **The Last Leg.** (R)
2.30 **Hollyoaks.**
4.40 **Location, Location, Location.** (R)

Channel 5

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10.00 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** The crime-fighting brothers encounter a friendly robot. (R)
10.35 **Access.** Showbiz news and gossip.
10.40 **The Gadget Show.** Jon Bentley assesses home DNA kits. (R)
11.40 **Santa Makes You Laugh Out Loud.** Christmas-themed viral videos currently dominating the nation's bandwidth. (R)
12.40 FILM: **Operation Christmas (2016).** Drama, starring Tricia Helfer.
2.25 FILM: **All I Want for Christmas (2013).** Festive fantasy, starring Melissa Sagemiller.
4.05 FILM: **A Christmas Song (2012).** Romantic drama, with Natasha Henstridge and Gabe Hogan.
5.05 **5 News Update.**
5.10 FILM: **A Christmas Song (2012).** Concluded.
6.10 FILM: **The Nine Lives of Christmas (2014).** A fireman who prefers being single adopts a stray cat, but having a pet makes him long for some human company. Romantic comedy, starring Brandon Routh and Kimberly Sustad.
7.10 **5 News Update.**
7.15 FILM: **The Nine Lives of Christmas (2014).** Concluded.
7.50 **NCIS: New Orleans.** A petty officer is found dead in a sports arena clutching a tranquilliser gun, and the team discovers the killing is related to a kidnapping case from the past.
8.45 **NCIS: New Orleans.** A naval lieutenant is tortured and murdered, and the case takes a personal turn for Sebastian when he is kidnapped by the killer and forced to assist in a prison break.
9.40 **5 News Weekend.**
9.45 **Live Boxing.** Josh Taylor v Miguel Vazquez. Coverage of the WBC Silver Super-Lightweight title bout from Royal Highland Centre in Edinburgh.
11.30 **Football on 5: Goal Rush.** Colin Murray introduces all the goals from Leagues One and Two, including Doncaster Rovers v Rotherham United, Rochdale v Wigan Athletic, and Carlisle United v Yeovil Town.
12.15 **SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.10 **When Calls the Heart.** Period drama, starring Erin Krakow. (R)
4.40 **Access.** Showbiz news and gossip.
4.50 **Great Artists.** Profile of Leonardo da Vinci. (R)
5.15 **Wildlife SOS.** The work of volunteers at an animal sanctuary. (R)
5.45 **Chinese Food in Minutes.** Recipes for fried sweet chilli chicken and spicy Sichuan aubergine. (R)

November 12

sunday

Blue Planet II
8pm
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7pm
Documentary about the thousands of Chinese workers who supported Allied forces in the First World War by digging trenches, maintaining vehicles and dismantling unexploded bombs.

MTV EMA 2017: London
9pm
Live coverage of the 24th MTV European Music Awards from Wembley Arena. Rita Ora hosts the show, which features performances by Stormzy, Kesha, the Killers and Demi Lovato.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
9.00 **The Andrew Marr Show.**
10.20 **Remembrance Sunday: The Cenotaph.** David Dimbleby presents live coverage of the service from Whitehall, attended by the Prince of Wales. Sophie Raworth talks to veterans about their experiences.
12.30 **Women at War: 100 Years of Service.** A compilation of moments from the series, featuring personal accounts from Kelly Holmes, Edward Fox, Pam Ayres, Nicky Campbell and June Brown. Last in the series.
1.30 **BBC News;** Weather.
1.45 **Flog It!** People are invited to try to make money out of their antiques by taking a risk at auction. (R)
2.05 FILM: **War Horse (2011).** A horse travels across the battlefields of the First World War, while the original owner searches for it. Steven Spielberg's drama, with Jeremy Irvine and Tom Hiddleston.
4.20 **Songs of Praise.** Claire McCollum presents an episode marking the 30th anniversary of the Enniskillen bombing. Plus, Sean Fletcher reports on support for families of missing servicemen.
4.55 **Blue Planet II.** Creatures that live in volcanic hot spots on the ocean bed, areas that reach temperatures hot enough to melt lead and which may hold the secrets behind all life on Earth. (R)
5.55 **BBC News.**
6.10 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
6.20 **Countryfile.** A special episode for Remembrance Sunday, in which Ellie Harrison discovers how a rural environment can be therapeutic for servicemen and women returning from conflict.
7.20 **Strictly Come Dancing: The Results.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman reveal the results of last night's viewers' votes, and another couple leaves the contest. Featuring performances by Seal and the RAF Spitfires Choir.
8.00 **Blue Planet II.** Creatures that live on coral reefs, including groupers, small predators with a grasp of communication that has led scientists to conclude they are as intelligent as chimpanzees.
9.00 **Howards End.** New series. Period drama based on EM Forster's novel about the lives of three English families at the beginning of the 20th century. Starring Hayley Atwell.
10.00 **BBC News.**
10.20 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
10.30 **Alan Shearer: Dementia, Football And Me.** The former England international looks into the potential link between football and dementia, examining some of the latest scientific evidence from British researchers.
11.30 **The Women's Football Show.** A look at the biggest issues in the women's game, focusing on matters at both club and international level.
12.05 **Ronny Chieng: International Student.** An American student moves in to Ronny's shared house, and wants to throw wild parties while the others are trying to study.
12.35 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
12.40 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.05 **Coast.** Nick Crane travels from London to Belgium. (R)
6.50 **A to Z of TV Gardening.** Carol Kirkwood looks at subjects beginning with the letter R. (R)
7.35 **Great British Garden Revival.** Bog gardens and soft fruit. (R)
8.35 **Countryfile.** Matt Baker reports on a new charter to protect Britain's woodlands. (R)
9.30 **Live Rugby League World Cup.** England v France (Kick-off 10.00am). Mark Chapman presents coverage of the final match in Group A, which takes place at Perth Rectangular Stadium in Australia.
1.00 **International Rugby Union.** England v Argentina. (R)
2.00 **Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals.** Coverage of the afternoon session on day one from The O2 in London.
4.30 **Cycling: Track Cycling World Cup.** Live coverage of the third and final day from Manchester.
6.00 **Remembrance Sunday: The Cenotaph.** David Dimbleby presents highlights of the service from Whitehall, attended by the Prince of Wales.
7.00 **Big Life Fix: Children in Need Special.** One-off special in which Simon Reeve follows leading engineers and designers as they invent life-changing solutions for three children with severe disabilities. (R)
8.00 **Robot Wars.** An experienced contestant returns to defend his legacy in the fourth heat, battling alongside five other contenders through a series of group battles and knock-out rounds.
9.00 **Louis Theroux: Transgender Kids.** Louis travels to San Francisco, where he spends time with children who are undergoing gender-reassignment treatment at UCSF Hospital's Child and Adolescent Gender Centre. (R)
10.00 **Snowfall.** Teddy is given once last chance to put things right, Franklin's uncle introduces him to a potential mentor, and Oso and Lucia go in search of a new business partner.
10.45 **Mock the Week.** Ed Gamble, Milton Jones, Miles Jupp, Nish Kumar and Felicity Ward join host Dara O Briain and regular Hugh Dennis for the topical comedy show. (R)
11.15 **Rugby League World Cup.** Action from the day's final group-stage games, which included England v France, Wales v Ireland, and Papua New Guinea v USA.
12.15 FILM: **The Human Factor (1979).** A mid-level bureaucrat in the ministry of defence is caught up in the hunt for a mole in his department. Espionage thriller, starring Nicol Williamson and Richard Attenborough.
2.10 **Sign Zone: Question Time.** Topical debate from Croydon, south London, with panellists including Education Secretary Justine Greening, TV presenter Kirstie Allsopp and spoken word artist George the Poet. (R)
3.10 **Sign Zone: Holby City.** Hanssen finds an unexpected ally in Sacha as he battles against Keller to ensure Holby's survival, and an unwanted visitor compounds Donna's problems as she returns to work. (R)
4.10 **This Is BBC2.**

ITV

6.00 **CITV:** Sooty **6.10** The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **6.45** Super 4 **7.00** Mission Employable **7.05** Oddbods **7.10** Thunderbirds Are Go
7.30 **Scrambled!: Scrambled!** Two hours of children's fun.
7.35 **Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show.** Cat and mouse adventures. (R)
7.50 **Scrambled!: Ben 10.** (R)
8.10 **Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series.** Bean retrieves a tennis ball. (R)
8.30 **Scrambled!: Make It Pop.** (R)
9.00 **Scrambled!: Wishfart.** (R)
9.25 **ITV News.**
9.30 FILM: **Columbo: Butterfly in Shades of Grey (1993).** Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and William Shatner.
11.25 **Tipping Point.** Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R)
12.25 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
12.35 **The X Factor Live.** The live phase of the talent contest continues. (R)
1.55 **Midsomer Murders.** A schoolteacher is killed in a hit-and-run. (R)
4.00 **Prince Harry and Meghan: Truly, Madly, Deeply.** The history of the couple's romance. (R)
5.00 **Sheridan.** Actress and singer Sheridan Smith performs songs from her debut album. (R)
6.00 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
6.10 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.30 **The Chase: Celebrity Special.** Martin Roberts, Tracy Edwards, Debbie McGee and Duncan James answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to secure a cash prize for charity. Presented by Bradley Walsh.
7.30 **The X Factor Live.** The third weekend of live shows concludes, with the most popular act of the weekend winning a special prize – while another act will be leaving the series at the end of the show.
9.00 **Elton John: The Nation's Favourite Song.** A countdown of the singer's 20 most popular songs, chosen by ITV viewers. Elton discusses the stories behind the tracks in a candid conversation with David Walliams.
10.30 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.45 **Unbelievable Moments Caught on Camera.** Alastair Stewart presents a second selection of extraordinary footage, including wakeboarders enjoying a memorable encounter with dolphins off the coast of Mexico. (R)
11.45 **Play to the Whistle.** Crystal Palace footballer Wilfried Zaha, comedian Funmbi Omotayo and Ninja Warrior UK co-host Rochelle Humes join Frank Lampard and Bradley Walsh for the sports-based comedy show. (R)
12.20 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00 **Motorsport UK.** Action from Brands Hatch, featuring the Ginetta Junior Championship and the F4 British Championship. Presented by Richard John Neil, who also commentates on proceedings.
3.50 **ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.
5.05 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** The host invites guests to air their differences. (R)

Channel 4

6.00 **Kevin Can Wait.** Kevin becomes intimidated by his neighbour's son.
6.25 **Kevin Can Wait.** Kevin is jealous of the attention received by his brother for rescuing a cat.
6.50 **Kevin Can Wait.** Kevin and Donna's chiropractor catches them with his colleague.
7.15 **Frasier.** Charlotte and Frasier get stranded. (R)
7.40 **Frasier.** The shrink takes a trip down memory lane. (R)
8.05 **The Simpsons.** Guest starring Kiefer Sutherland. (R)
8.30 **The Simpsons.** Homer recalls his musical heyday. (R)
9.00 **The Simpsons.** The family reminisces about days gone by. (R)
9.30 **Sunday Brunch.** With guests Bradley Walsh and Diane Morgan.
12.30 **Simpsons Day.** Homer goes back to college. (R)
12.55 **Simpsons Day.** Homer starts a snowplough business. (R)
1.25 **Simpsons Day.** Homer enrols in clown college. (R)
1.55 **Simpsons Day.** Homer is accused of sexual harassment. (R)
2.20 **Simpsons Day.** Homer becomes a union representative. (R)
2.50 **Simpsons Day.** Featuring the guest voice of Michelle Pfeiffer. (R)
3.20 **Simpsons Day.** Homer skips church. (R)
3.50 **Simpsons Day.** Homer is sent into space. (R)
4.15 **Simpsons Day.** Homer becomes head of a secret society. (R)
4.45 FILM: **Men in Black (1997).** Sci-fi comedy, starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones.
6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **Britain's Forgotten Army.** Documentary about the thousands of Chinese workers who supported Allied forces in the First World War by digging trenches, maintaining vehicles and dismantling unexploded bombs.
8.00 **The Queen's Favourite Animals.** Documentary about the queen's lifelong love of animals, including her respected reputation as a champion breeder of corgis, racehorses and highland cattle.
9.00 **Big Ben: Saving the World's Most Famous Clock.** Documentary about restoration work on the iconic clock tower, with contributions from the clockmakers tasked with taking the mechanism apart for the first time since it was built.
10.30 **Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix Highlights.** Steve Jones presents action from the 19th and penultimate round of the season, which took place at Interlagos in Sao Paulo.
12.45 FILM: **Life on the Limit (2013).** Documentary about Formula One racing.
2.45 **The Supervet.** A West Highland puppy is fitted with bionic feet. (R)
3.40 **Location, Location, Location.** Property hunting in the north-east of England. (R)
4.40 **Gillette World Sport.**
5.05 **KOTV Boxing Weekly.** Gary O'Sullivan v Nick Quigley.
5.35 **Countdown.** With Dictionary Corner guest Margaret Mountford. (R)

Channel 5

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10.15 **Football on 5: Goal Rush.** Goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two. (R)
11.00 **5 News Special: Remembrance Sunday.**
11.05 FILM: **Let It Snow (2013).** Romantic drama, starring Candace Cameron Bure and Jesse Hutch.
12.50 FILM: **On Strike for Christmas (2010).** Drama, starring Daphne Zuniga.
2.30 FILM: **Just in Time for Christmas (2015).** Premiere. Romantic comedy, starring Eloise Mumford and Michael Stahl-David.
4.20 FILM: **Northpole (2014).** Premiere. Christmas fantasy, starring Tiffani Thiessen.
5.25 **5 News Update.**
5.30 FILM: **Northpole (2014).** Concluded.
6.10 FILM: **Deck the Halls (2006).** Two neighbours feud over who has the best Christmas lights and end up resorting to desperate measures to outdo each other. Comedy, starring Danny DeVito and Matthew Broderick.
7.10 **5 News Update.**
7.15 FILM: **Deck the Halls (2006).** Concluded.
8.00 **Rugby on 5: Anglo Welsh Cup Highlights.** Action from the matchday two pool fixtures, which included Ospreys v Wasps, Northampton Saints v Dragons and Scarlets v Exeter Chiefs.
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **MTV EMA 2017: London.** Live coverage of the 24th MTV European Music Awards from Wembley Arena. Rita Ora hosts the show, which features performances by Stormzy, Kesha, the Killers and Demi Lovato.
10.55 **Before They Were Stars.** Dale Winton treks back through the TV archive to uncover embarrassing early brushes with fame endured by some of today's biggest stars. (R)
12.50 **Lip Sync Battle UK: Carol Vorderman v Martin Kemp.** The celebrity mathematician takes on the pop singer and actor. (R)
1.15 **SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.10 FILM: **Another Cinderella Story (2008).** A teenager falls for a girl at a fancy dress party – but does not know her name and cannot recognise her without her mask. Musical comedy, with Selena Gomez and Andrew Seeley.
4.40 **Access.** Showbiz news and gossip.
4.55 **Great Artists.** The life and legacy of Albrecht Durer. (R)
5.20 **Wildlife SOS.** The work of a wildlife sanctuary. (R)
5.45 **Chinese Food in Minutes.** (R)

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FEMALE 67, smoker, enjoys music, TV, meals out/in, looking for male 68-75 for friendship maybe more. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 5877942**

YAZ, Asian lady, 32yrs, very slim and pretty. Hoping to meet a strong minded, dominant, resourceful man. Mature please 45+ **Text Only. Box: 4177148**

SUE, 44, country loving lady, tall, slim, looking for similar country gent to share adventures in the great outdoors with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 429251**

SOPHIE, 46yrs, attractive professional lady with time on her hands. Hoping to meet a nice gent of any age, text fun, flirt, possible meeting. **Text Only. Box: 4126579**

ELIZABETH, 45, fed up with lonely nights! Blonde blue eyed, no children/ties, WLTM someone for cosy nights in and TLC. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 429221**

SARAH black lady, works as a nurse. 48yrs young, hoping to meet a younger man for some fun. Let me be your couger and dress me up in my uniform. **Text Only. Box: 4166063**

SHARON, 48, tall slim attractive, lives alone with no ties, love romanticising and WLTM man for good times together, maybe more. Any age. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 429125**

MELANIE, attractive lady, 38yrs, hoping to meet a nice chap, any age, for chats, non complicated times. Must have great soh, looks unimportant. **Text Only. Box: 4037147**

ATTRACTIVE lady, 70yrs young, slim, fit and young for my age. I'm hoping to meet a kind gent, must have GSOH, age/looks unimportant. Must be smart and good company. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 429039**

I am a discreet married black lady who is hoping to meet a man of any colour for some daytime chats, maybe meet up, maybe just text to prolong the interest in our ways. **Text Only. Box 4063856**

TINA, 58yrs, slim, passionate and kind. Loves eating out. Hoping to meet gent 55-63. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 429167**

GEORGINA, 46yrs, sophisticated professional lady (teacher), quite firm but kind! Interested in finding out more? I am interested to chat to you so call me today. **Text Only. Box: 4151593**

JANE, 49yrs, own home, loves nature, artistic. Love to socialise. WLTM gent any age, must have GSOH. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 429165**

ANGELA, 48yrs, seeks no strings casual fun. I have my own house, car and am solvent. I'm busty with a firm figure. You must be open minded, age/status unimportant. **Tel: 0906 515 3015 Box: 427633**

NANCY, 40 something years young. Attractive, fun loving and kind. Hoping to meet gent for trips, particularly around Cornwall which I love. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 429037**

VALERIE, caring thoughtful lady. Attractive with GSOH. Seeking similar gent. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 429163**

MARIELLE, 45yrs, curvy attractive lady, likes older men. I'm married so you must be discreet. Lets meet up, and make each other smile again. Call me and lets get to know each other. **Tel: 0906 515 3039 Box: 426853**

ATTRACTIVE lady, late sixties, hoping to meet a nice chap for walking, wining dining, and much much more. Age unimportant ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 429161**

KATIE 35yrs, slender well educated brunette seeks no strings mutual pleasure with gent 40+ Must be discreet, married or single. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 3003 Box 419673**

ATTRACTIVE widow, 70s, solvent, fit and still attractive GSOH, hoping to meet a nice gent for days out, possibly more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 429159**

JANE, young 41, very broadminded seeks chap any age for discreet no strings fun, any age, no time wasters ACA. **Tel: No: 0906 515 3011 Box: 409715**

LINDA, 61, attractive, looking for a good man who is loving, tactile and sensitive. Can you put the spring back in my step? **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 429085**

I am Caroline, 37. If you fancy a chat, are tall, dark and handsome, give this tall, fit female a call. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 428943**

EMILY, mature well educated lady, blonde and smart and broadminded seeks gent any age for no strings fun. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 3023 Box 421375**

KATHLEEN, attractive lady, 58yrs. Blue-eyed brunette with varied interests. I love life and want a nice gent to share it with me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 429047**

TAMIKA, mature black beauty, hourglass figure and open minded. Pls call if you are discreet, broad minded and nice. I can travel and accommodate. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 3007 Box 422365**

SYLVIA, 44yrs, curvy busty build. Very respectful. Hoping to meet a good man to love. Call to hear more, I've lots to tell you. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 429045**

HARRIETT 42yrs, blue eyed brunette with long lets and decent curves! Looking for a cheeky adventurous man for fun only. I live alone so can accommodate and can travel. Discretion assured. ACA. Give me a try. **Tel: 0906 515 3031 Box 426205**

ATTRACTIVE lady, 56yrs. Slim, brunette who loves life. I'm very passionate and loving. Call me if you are interested. I will reply to all calls and texts. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 429043**

CAROLINE, 42yrs, well educated, sophisticated "some call me posh" married lady, looking for no strings midweek liaisons. **Tel: 0906 515 3027 Box 427533**

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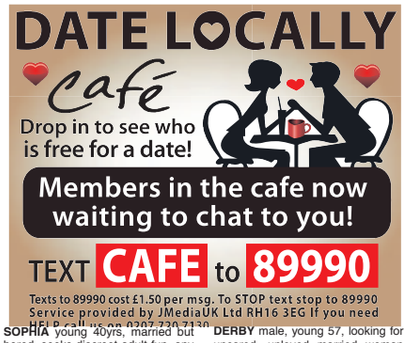
SAMANTHA, 35yrs, attractive brunette with own business, seeks adventurous gent for casual relationship. **Tel: 0906 515 3035 Box 425979**

PAULINE, Sincere lady, 70s, GSOH, OH&C. Curvy with shoulder length dark hair. Varied interests, theatre and travel. WLTM similar minded gent. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 428977**



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Single Men

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JEFF, 60s, tall, fit, young outlook, N/S, car owner, seeks similar lady for friendship, outings out etc. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 428175**

SINGLE dad, tall, blonde hair, good looking, keeps fit, loves the cinema, meals out, looking for a single lady for date nights. Single mum welcome. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 428163**

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HI I am a single Indian male in my 50s, and would like to meet a mature female 55+ for a NSA friendship. **Text only replies. Box no: 4627019**

WALSALL male, looking for no strings adult fun, with lady of any nationality, colour or age. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 428773**

MALE, age 68, very active looking for lady for NSA fun. Can accommodate. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 6026972**

EASYGOING likeable man likes a drink at the pub, and nights in front of the telly and a cuddle, looking for lady 45-55. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 6066059**

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MALE seeks affectionate, tactile, no drama, down to earth woman for nights in/out and loads of cuddles. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 418695**

ADVENTUROUS 36 year old, slim, dark hair, has many interests, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 417235**

MALE would like to meet local female 50/60 for mutual friendship. I'm easygoing and have many interests. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 5071056**

COLIN 72, from Burntwood, looking for loving lady for days out, holidays and company. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 4880436**

MALE, 20s, seeks NSA fun with female. I love a laugh, age isn't important. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 6042304**

MALE 46, genuine and honest and very caring looking for a LTR with lady. **Text only Replies. Mailbox: 5422168**

MALE 20s, chilled out and happy in life looking for woman to share life with. **Text only Replies. Mailbox: 6034839**

MALE, 47, fit, slim, honest man, seeking nice, slim, honest lady for LTR, going out for drinks and having good times together. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 427923**

MIKE, male, 61, seeks black or Asian lady, any age for adult fun, maybe more. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 6010228**

MALE, late 60s, N/S, retired, 5ft9, slim build, enjoys holidays abroad, weekends away, travel, meals out. Looking to meet female, N/S, who enjoys similar interests, to share good times together, for friendship and maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 428219**

JEFF, 60s, tall, fit, young outlook, N/S, car owner, seeks similar lady for friendship, outings out etc. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 428175**

MALE, dark hair, dark eyes, slim, 47, likes walking, camping, pubs, dancing, looking for a slim, genuine lady, for fun times and LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 427831**

HI my name is Jay. I'm looking for a lady to have a lovely evening with, maybe once or twice a week. Looking forward to hearing from you soon. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 427927**

JACK 23, single, tall, young looking guy, kind and respectful, seeking female age/looks not important for mutual NSA fun. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 6026038**

MALE 64, fit, non-smoker, looking for NSA fun with lady, any age. I am kind and caring but miss the touch of a woman. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 6025714**

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Well-equipped, sophisticated and stylish

By Graham Breeze

Launched early this year the Peugeot 3008 is now firmly recognised as a leading player in the growing SUV C segment – and I recently discovered just why it has become so popular.

Transport for a four-man golfing trip was about to become a big issue until the 3008 arrived on the driveway and the reasons why a bulging collection of the industry's top awards have landed in the company's trophy cabinet were about to be revealed.

First impressions didn't suggest the Peugeot would be up to the job of coping with four sets of golf clubs, trollies, bags and suit hangers for the "dressed-up" dinner which followed the game. But the 3008 proved us all wrong.

It soon became obvious why the 3008 has won so many industry awards this year, including car of the year at the Geneva Motor Show – and it really doesn't get much better than that.

Not only did the model swallow up the huge load of golfing paraphernalia but it also revealed the latest in Peugeot's unique "i-Cockit" interior design, one of the most advanced technological packages available in the UK market.

The new "i-Cockpit" design places key instrumentation in the driver's eyeline for a safer and more engaging driving experience, as well as adding to the overall ambience of an already premium interior.

This Peugeot is a well-equipped, sophisticated and stylish vehicle that combines efficiency, high-specification, high-level of safety and technological equipment and unique features. All models include the "i-Cockpit, a compact steering wheel, the very latest heads-up digital instrument panel and 8inch touchscreen control panel.

The range starts from £21,795 with a well-specified 'Active' model that has so many standard features, key among which is a host of safety equipment ordinarily only available on top-of-the-range models. These include; AEBS (Automatic Emergency Braking System), adaptive driver and front passenger airbags, driver and front passenger side, front and rear curtain airbags, Dynamic Stability Control and ASR – Electronic Anti-skid System and a driver attention alert system.

Choice

There's a choice of four trim levels – 'Active', 'Allure','GT Line' and the top-of-the-range 'GT' with a wide choice of engines available, and CO2 emissions from just 103g/km.

Petrol engine versions are 130hp and 165hp, with CO2 emissions of 117 to 129g/km, with the 1.2-litre PureTech 3-cylinder turbo engine, voted Engine of the Year in its category for the second-year running and the 1.6L THP. The PureTech 130 is available in 6-speed manual or EAT6 automatic transmission while the 165hp is mated to the 6-speed EAT6 automatic.

Four diesel engines are available, model dependent, with advanced BlueHDi technology that makes it possible to keep the CO2 emissions low, between 103 and 124g/km, with power ranging between 100, 120,150 and 180hp.

On test was the GT Line BlueHDi 120 which had an on-the-road price of £29,425, though a motorised tailgate, keyless entry, metallic paint, cruise control, grip control, heated front seats and a very welcome driver massage function pushed the price up to £32,150. There was a top speed of 116mph, 0-62mph in 11.6seconds, CO2 levels of 108g/km and a really impressive 67mpg on the combined cycle meaning this Peugeot is not just a good looking, spacious and well-equipped car but also economical to run.

Peugeot's 3008 has one of the mosta dvanced technological packages available in the UK market

Outwardly the 3008 doesn't look as big as the interior reveals with a body-coloured rear spoiler with stainless steel edging trim, body protectors, stainless steel roof arch trim, chrome front fog light trim and smart 17inch alloy wheels.

Inside you get a central front armrest with butterfly-wing opening and illuminated chiller compartment, electric parking brake with hill assist, two illuminated cup-holders, one-touch electric front and rear windows, a rear armrest with ski flap and two cup-holders, a two-position boot floor and the ability to fold all rear seats completely flat. For those wanting in-car entertainment there's a lot on offer including, DAB radio, Mirrorscreen: Mirrorlink /Apple CarPlay, Bluetooth, USB socket and three 12V sockets, a six-speaker radio and MP3 compatibility.

It really is saying something when there's so much competition out there but the Peugeot 3008 is one of the best large crossovers I have ever driven.

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Setting new standard for luxury SUVs

By Jack Evans

Those looking to purchase a Range Rover used to have three main options. The Evoque, representing the more affordable end of the spectrum, the Sport, which sat in the middle and the standard Range Rover at the very top. Now, there's one more car in the family – the Velar. Designed to sit in between the Evoque and Sport, it's a mid-sized SUV for those who want a little more space and a little more luxury.

Featuring an all-new Touch Pro Duo infotainment system which comprises of two high-definition 10.2-inch touchscreens and fitted with Range Rover's latest tech, it's the most cutting-edge car that the brand has ever put to market.

The front end of the Velar is unmistakable as that of a Range Rover, but with a twist. It features full Matrix LED headlights that are almost razor thin, sitting either side of a large, prominent grille. A side look at the profile of the Velar reveals it to be rather raked, though it still incorporates a 'floating roof' design as seen on other cars in the range.

The extremely short overhang at the front is contrasted by quite a large one at the rear which, in our eyes, can make it appear a touch dumpy. That said, the door handles which electronically retract to become flush with the car's bodywork are an extremely neat touch, and it all works together to create a car that looks more like a concept rather than a vehicle that you can actually go out and buy.

Inside, the cabin is dominated by Range Rover's new Touch Pro Duo infotainment system. The dual 10.2-inch touchscreens give easy access to navigation, media and phone functions via the top monitor, or climate control settings and driving mode selections through the lower one. It's a system which is just as good to use as to look at, and represents a huge step forward for the brand over its existing offerings.

To achieve in the SUV segment, any car needs to be practical. The boot space, for example, is impressive. There's 632 litres of boot space to be found with the rear seats raised, rising to 1,731 litres with them folded flat. It's a huge load area, and because it's square in size it is very useable. The Velar is quite a high car, which does mean that lugging heavier items into the boot could be more of a challenge, but there's not much of load lip which makes things a little easier.

The cabin's airy nature means that it does feel spacious overall, while soft-touch materials and well-padded seats make it a comfortable place to be.

The Velar, as mentioned earlier, is designed to sit in between the Evoque and Sport in the product line-up, and as such you'd expect it to drive perhaps not quite as keenly as the car above it, but offer more involvement than the one below it. However, the first thing that strikes you when you get behind the wheel – and before you've even started the engine – is just how vast the Velar feels. It's near impossible to see the very front of the car, and this can be a little disconcerting to begin with.

After selecting 'D' on the car's rotary gear controller, the Velar – fitted with the turbocharged V6 diesel in our test car – pulls away cleanly and responds with more than enough urgency for a car of this size. The eight-speed dual-clutch gearbox shifts without any fuss, and you can take manual control of switching cogs via the steering wheel-mounted paddles should you want to – though most drivers are likely to forget these in daily driving and leave the gearbox in all-auto mode. The impressive 700Nm of torque on tap makes for swift and easy overtaking, and means that the Velar never feels out of puff, even on extremely steep gradients.

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The steering feels somewhat distant to begin with due to its relative lightness, but you soon become used to it. There's not a huge amount of feel, but it's not a hard car to place to on the road. Our car was a HSE model and came fitted with the turbocharged V6 diesel, air suspension, and rode on 21-inch alloy wheels. We also tested a First Edition-specification car – limited to the first year of production – and the ride was noticeably firmer on this model's larger 22-inch alloys – we'd recommend choosing the smaller wheel as it does wonders for the overall ride quality.

The Velar is also nothing short of exceptional when it comes to tackling tricky conditions. It's fitted with the latest Terrain Response system, and it allowed the car to scrabble up incredibly steep gradients, as well as handle all manner of slippery surfaces. If left in full Auto terrain mode, it'll happily tackle almost anything – even when on standard road tyres. If you're looking for a car for all conditions, then the Velar is the car to go for.

Prices for the Velar start at £44,830 and can go as high as £85,450 for top-spec First Edition cars. The middle range cars offer excellent value for money as they come fitted with a good amount of standard equipment, and enough luxuries to keep even the most avid button-pusher happy.

Swansong farewell edition launched for iconic WRX STI

The WRX STI is the iconic Subaru model; the modern incarnation of yesteryear's Impreza, conjuring images of special stage success and rallying legends pushing to the limit. This week, Subaru launched the WRX STI Final Edition, strictly limited to 150 models to say farewell to this brand icon and mark the end of this era of Subaru's heritage.

With the launches of new models, and investment in platform and powertrains going forward, the timing has felt right to open a new chapter for Subaru and allow WRX STI's heritage to inform future developments rather than being continued.

The Final Edition has a series of upgrades across key areas of the car, making this the most capable WRX STI sold in the UK and fitting tribute to its legacy.

Driving performance has been improved by changing from mechanical and electronic to electronic control of the Multi-Mode Driver's Control Centre Differential (DCCD) which provides optimum cornering ability.

The wheel size has been increased to 19 inches to house new larger Brembo® brakes with yellow painted calipers, which improve fade-resistance and brake performance and a consistent pedal feel when driving on the limit.

The front bumper has been redesigned to look more purposeful with the lower grille blacked out with a geometric textured panel, and has a larger opening to enhance cooling performance.

The hexagonal grille has been sharpened and defined and a black surround has been added. The Subaru wing design which flows through to the C-shaped headlights has been incorporated, hinting at the Boxer engine under the bonnet. A Final Edition badge is positioned on the door.

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Inside, high gloss black inserts are added to the instrument panel, gear stick surround, door panels and steering wheel with red stitching and red seatbelts fitted to tie the scheme together.

The front seats are now heated, and a larger 5.9" multi-function display has been added to the top of the dash.

The instrument panel design has also been updated. The infotainment system now includes DAB radio and a reversing camera is included to make parking easier.

WRX STI is also fitted with bi-functional projector LED lights, with a single bulb enabling High Beam Assist to switch between high and low beam automatically.

High Beam Assist operates via a single-lens camera, which is installed in the front windscreen and detects when an onward car is approaching. The lights are also steering responsive, turning to the left or right depending on the driver's steering input and illuminates more of the corner.

Both technologies enhance visibility at night, allowing a clear view of the corners ahead.

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Shrewsbury	16	11	4	1	24	10	37
Wigan Ath	16	11	3	2	29	9	36
Bradford City	16	9	3	4	25	18	30
Charlton Ath	15	9	3	3	23	16	30
Scunthorpe Utd	16	7	5	4	18	13	26
Blackburn Rvrs	15	7	4	4	21	12	25
Rotherham Utd.	16	8	1	7	29	22	25
Fleetwood Twn	16	7	4	5	27	25	25
P'borough Utd	15	7	3	5	25	21	24
Oxford Utd	16	6	5	5	26	20	23
Southend Utd	16	6	5	5	20	26	23
Blackpool	15	6	4	5	20	19	22
Bristol Rvrs	16	7	0	9	25	29	21
Portsmouth	16	6	2	8	19	20	20
Walsall	16	4	7	5	21	24	19
MK Dons	16	5	4	7	17	24	19
Doncaster Rvrs	16	5	3	8	18	20	18
Oldham Ath	16	5	3	8	27	35	18
Rochdale	16	3	8	5	16	19	17
Wimbledon	16	4	3	9	9	17	15
Northampton	16	4	3	9	13	26	15
Gillingham	16	3	5	8	12	20	14
Bury	16	3	3	10	17	24	12
P'mouth Argyle	16	2	5	9	12	24	11

Vanarama National

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dover Ath	18	9	6	3	24	12	33
Macclesfield	18	10	2	6	19	18	32
Wrexham	18	8	6	4	16	12	30
Sutton Utd	18	8	6	4	24	22	30
Maidstone Utd	17	8	5	4	23	18	29
Dagenham & R	18	7	7	4	29	21	28
Bromley	18	8	4	6	28	22	28
Woking	18	9	1	8	26	27	28
Aldershot Twn	18	7	6	5	29	23	27
Boreham Wood	18	7	6	5	27	21	27
M'head Utd	18	7	6	5	28	25	27
Hartlepool Utd	18	7	6	5	19	17	27
Ebbsfleet Utd	18	5	10	3	24	20	25
Tranmere Rvrs	18	6	6	6	17	15	24
FC Halifax Twn	18	6	6	6	19	21	24
Eastleigh	18	5	8	5	22	21	23
AFC Fylde	17	5	7	5	28	25	22
Gateshead	18	5	7	6	21	18	22
Leyton Orient	18	5	4	9	23	31	19
Guiseley	18	3	8	7	17	30	17
Barrow	18	3	7	8	23	25	16
Chester	18	3	7	8	18	28	16
Torquay Utd	18	2	5	11	17	31	11
Solihull Moors	18	3	2	13	18	36	11

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Salford City	17	13	2	2	29	13	41
Harrogate Twn	16	11	4	1	42	17	37
Brackley Twn	16	9	5	2	29	13	32
Spennymoor	17	9	4	4	32	22	31
Blyth Spartans	17	10	0	7	42	33	30
York City	17	7	4	6	29	24	25
Chorley	16	7	4	5	18	15	25
Stockport Cnty	17	7	3	7	33	24	24
Tamworth	16	7	3	6	26	25	24
Bradford PA	17	6	5	6	24	22	23
Curzon Ashton	18	6	5	7	23	29	23
Kidderminster	15	6	4	5	23	22	22
AFC Telford Utd	16	7	1	8	24	28	22
Darlington	18	5	6	7	22	25	21
Alfreton Twn	16	6	2	8	25	25	20
Southport	16	5	5	6	22	30	20
Leamington	17	5	4	8	22	30	19
Gainsborough	16	5	3	8	24	31	18
Nuneaton Twn	17	4	3	10	22	32	15
Boston Utd	17	4	3	10	21	31	15
FC Utd of Man	16	4	2	10	22	33	14
Nth Ferriby Utd	16	1	4	11	9	39	7

Evo-Stik League

Division One South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Basford Utd	14	11	3	0	28	12	36
Alvechurch	14	9	2	3	32	21	29
Cleethorpes	14	8	4	2	32	14	28
S'bridge PS	16	7	5	4	38	22	26
Corby Twn	16	8	2	6	33	26	26
Frickley Ath	15	7	3	5	34	24	24
Newcastle Twn	15	7	3	5	23	19	24
Bedworth Utd	15	7	2	6	23	22	23
Spalding Utd	15	7	2	6	19	21	23
Leek Twn	15	6	4	5	28	15	22
L'borough Dyn	16	6	4	6	28	32	22
Stamford	15	5	6	4	21	15	21
Carlton Twn	14	6	2	6	22	15	20
Chasetown	14	5	4	5	20	25	19
Lincoln Utd	15	5	3	7	24	37	18
Kidsgrove Ath	14	5	2	7	24	27	17
MD Twn	16	4	5	7	17	22	17
Belper Twn	15	4	5	6	17	28	17
P'borough Spts	17	4	4	9	25	34	16
Sheffield	16	2	6	8	25	38	12
Gresley	17	2	6	9	19	34	12
Romulus	16	2	3	11	19	48	9

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First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Silsden AFC	15	15	0	0	43	12	45
Prestwich Heys	16	12	1	3	53	19	37
L'Ind REMYCA	13	11	1	1	40	7	34
Alsager Twn	14	9	3	2	30	16	30
W'church Alport	13	8	2	3	28	10	26
Sandbach Utd	15	8	1	6	30	25	25
Cammell Laird	16	7	3	6	35	31	24
AFC Blackpool	15	7	2	6	28	30	23
Stockport Twn	14	6	3	5	29	24	21
Carlisle City	14	6	2	6	27	20	20
Atherton LR	14	6	1	7	24	22	19
Abbey H Utd	16	4	6	6	20	24	18
New Mills	15	5	3	7	28	38	18
Holker OB	15	5	3	7	20	39	18
Cheadle Twn	13	5	2	6	20	25	17
Bacup Borough	11	5	2	4	16	22	17
Chadderton	15	3	5	7	30	36	14
Eccleshall	15	3	4	8	22	40	13
St Helens Twn	15	3	2	10	19	30	11
FC Oswestry	15	3	1	11	24	39	10
Daisy Hill	16	1	3	12	15	45	6
Nelson	13	1	2	10	10	37	5

Midland Football League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Coleshill Twn	17	12	2	3	40	22	38
Sptg Khalsa	17	11	4	2	41	19	37
B'grove Sptg	16	11	2	3	33	17	35
Worcester City	15	9	4	2	39	16	31
Cov Sphinx	15	8	3	4	27	22	27
Heanor Twn	13	8	1	4	24	19	25
Coventry Utd	14	7	3	4	32	21	24
Highgate Utd	14	7	3	4	23	17	24
Shepshed Dyn	14	7	2	5	35	20	23
Stourport Swifts	15	7	2	6	30	32	23
AFC Wulfs	14	7	0	7	20	28	21
Westfields	12	6	1	5	28	21	19
Rugby Twn	14	5	3	6	19	18	18
Lye Twn	15	4	5	6	16	21	17
L'borough Unity	14	5	1	8	18	26	16
Haughmond	13	3	3	7	14	22	12
Long Eaton Utd	14	3	3	8	18	31	12
Rocester	14	3	2	9	21	37	11
Sth Normanton	15	3	2	10	15	33	11
Quorn	14	2	3	9	16	37	9
Boldmere	13	2	2	9	15	34	8

Shawbury Utd	14	2	1	11	21	32	7

West Midlands (Regional) League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
W'Ton Spt Com	14	13	0	1	70	10	39
Tividale	14	11	1	2	40	14	34
Bewdley Twn	17	10	3	4	45	29	33
Ellesmere Rgrs	16	10	2	4	41	24	32
Malvern Twn	15	10	2	3	43	27	32
BC Rangers	18	8	5	5	48	34	29
Cradley Twn	16	9	2	5	31	23	29
Wednesfield	16	9	2	5	37	32	29
W'Ton Casuals	14	8	2	4	54	27	26
Hereford LC	17	7	1	9	37	44	22
Wellington	12	7	0	5	32	28	21
Bilston Tn Com	17	6	3	8	38	44	21
Smethwick	16	6	2	8	30	33	20
Shifnal Twn	14	5	1	8	25	33	16
AFC Bridgnorth	15	5	1	9	23	31	16
Dudley Sports	17	5	1	11	28	44	16
Stone OA	14	4	0	10	24	42	12
Pegasus Jnrs	16	3	2	11	20	44	11
Dudley Twn	15	2	2	11	18	44	8
Wellington Ams	17	0	2	15	11	88	2

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Worcs Raiders	13	9	3	1	39	25	30
Old Wulfs	13	8	2	3	20	14	26
Newport Twn	13	7	4	2	44	17	25
Darlaston Twn	12	7	4	1	32	22	25
Team Dudley	13	7	3	3	38	25	24
Wem Twn	12	7	1	4	29	16	22
Gornal Ath	12	6	2	4	32	22	20
Bustleholme	13	6	1	6	32	32	19
Tipton Twn	12	5	3	4	26	23	18
Allscott	12	5	1	6	21	20	16
Bromyard Twn	11	5	1	5	24	24	16
Telford Juniors	14	5	1	8	25	35	16
St Martins	13	5	0	8	27	24	15
Wrens Nest	9	3	0	6	16	20	9
Kington Twn	13	2	0	11	17	34	6
Wyrley	12	1	3	8	14	40	6
Willenhall Twn	13	1	3	9	17	60	6

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sikh Hunters	13	12	1	0	46	14	37
W'Ton Utd	12	9	1	2	34	10	28
Warstone Wdrs	10	8	0	2	50	27	24
Bewdley Tn Res	10	7	2	1	40	15	23
Rock Rvrs	12	6	4	2	28	25	22
Gornal Colts	10	6	2	2	29	25	20
Wonder Vaults	13	5	2	6	31	32	17
AFC Bilbrook	12	4	4	4	24	23	16
AFC Broseley	10	2	4	4	13	28	10
Ludlow	10	2	3	5	24	31	9
FC Darlaston	11	2	3	6	16	27	9
Oldbury Utd	13	2	2	9	21	37	8
AFC W'bury	7	1	4	2	11	13	7
MD Twn Res	11	1	4	6	11	33	7
Church Stretton	10	2	0	8	19	25	6
Bridgnorth Dev.	12	0	2	10	13	45	2

Welsh Premier League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
The New Saints	12	8	2	2	28	11	26
Connahs Quay N	12	8	2	2	18	8	26
Cardiff Met Unity	12	8	1	3	23	9	25
Bangor City	12	7	0	5	19	17	21
Cefn Druids	12	5	4	3	14	13	19
Bala	12	6	1	5	14	16	19
Llandudno	12	5	2	5	16	13	17
Barry United	12	4	2	6	9	11	14
Prestatyn	12	3	3	6	16	25	12
Aberystwyth	12	3	3	6	11	20	12
Newtown	12	2	3	7	12	17	9
Carmarthen A	12	1	1	10	10	30	4

Huws Gray Alliance

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Caernarfon	11	8	2	1	44	13	26
Airbus Broughton	11	8	0	3	28	15	24
Holywell	10	5	4	1	29	20	19
Guilsfield	10	5	3	2	18	14	18
Denbigh	10	6	0	4	23	22	18
H'head Hotspur	9	5	2	2	18	10	17
Porthmadog	10	5	1	4	31	19	16
Rhyl	10	3	5	2	21	15	14
Ruthin	11	4	2	5	25	21	14
Flint United	10	4	2	4	19	15	14
Penrhyncoch	10	3	3	4	17	18	12
Gresford Athletic	10	3	2	5	17	26	11
Caersws	10	2	1	7	14	31	7
Queens Park	11	1	2	8	15	47	5
Ll'dno Junction	11	0	1	10	13	46	1

Spar Mid Wales League

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Welshpool	12	8	2	2	37	18	26
Llanrhaeadr	10	8	0	2	35	9	24
Llanidloes	11	7	1	3	22	17	22
Llanfair United	13	6	2	5	32	26	20
Radnor Valley	12	6	2	4	31	25	20
Bow Street	10	5	2	3	22	15	17
Knighton	11	5	1	5	29	25	16
Carno	11	4	4	3	23	20	16
Tywyn Bryncrug	10	5	1	4	24	25	16
Berriew	9	4	2	3	26	20	14
Kerry	10	4	2	4	25	28	14
Churchstoke	10	3	2	5	18	28	11
Ll'dod Wells	11	3	0	8	15	23	9
Aberaeron	8	2	1	5	12	15	7
Borth Utd	9	2	0	7	7	28	6
Machynlleth	11	1	0	10	14	50	3

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Builth Wells	9	8	1	0	30	5	25
Llansantffraid	7	5	2	0	26	10	17
Presteigne St A	10	5	1	4	18	21	16
Aberystwyth Uni	9	4	1	4	28	13	13
Dyffryn Banw	8	4	1	3	16	15	13
N'bridge-on-Wye	10	4	1	5	24	26	13
Hay St Marys	10	3	3	4	17	16	12
Brecon Nth'cote	8	3	2	3	15	16	11
Dolgellau	6	3	1	2	13	11	10
Abermule	7	3	1	3	14	22	10
Montgomery	7	2	3	2	16	16	9
Talgarth	9	2	1	6	14	20	7
Penybont Utd	10	0	0	10	8	48	0

Shropshire Premier Lge

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Oakengates Ath	7	6	1	0	23	11	19
Prees	6	5	0	1	21	13	15
Shrewsbury Jnrs	7	5	0	2	20	17	15
Newport Res	8	4	1	3	29	16	13
Madeley Sports	9	4	1	4	15	16	13
O'gates Rgrs Yth	9	4	0	5	29	25	12
Clee Hill United	7	3	1	3	26	15	10
Shifnal United 97	6	1	0	5	8	22	3
Craven Arms	7	1	0	6	9	27	3
Gobowen Celtic	6	0	2	4	13	31	2

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
St Martins Village	8	6	1	1	36	8	19
Coven United	7	5	1	1	26	11	16
Madeley Spt Res	6	5	0	1	18	11	15
Stoke Heath	8	4	1	3	40	24	13
Claverley	6	4	0	2	17	18	12
W'dine Wd Jnrs	8	2	2	4	21	19	8
Brown Clee	5	1	2	2	11	11	5
Albrighton	8	1	1	6	13	25	4
Denso	8	0	0	8	7	62	0

COBRA under-14s who staged a brave fightback before losing a thrilling encounter 59-45 against their Worcester counterparts. They had trailed 28-0 at half time before rallying in the second period, with Will Lydford grabbing four tries for the Meifod lads.

J T Hughes Montgomeryshire Amateur League

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Guilsfield Res	8	5	2	1	25	16	17
Bishops Castle	7	5	1	1	25	11	16
Waterloo Rovers	11	4	3	4	22	15	15
Four Crosses	8	4	2	2	20	13	14
Llanfair Utd Res	9	4	1	4	23	20	13
Llanymynech	9	3	2	4	17	28	11
Trewern	6	3	1	2	16	15	10
Meifod	8	3	1	4	13	13	10
Maesyrhandir	8	2	2	4	20	24	8
Caersws Res	6	2	0	4	10	28	6
Llanfyllin	8	1	1	6	11	19	4

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Forden United	10	10	0	0	54	12	30
Llangedwyn	11	10	0	1	52	16	30
Abermule Res	8	5	1	2	27	17	16
Churchstoke Res	11	3	4	4	28	28	13
Trefonen	6	4	0	2	12	7	12
Kerry Res	7	3	1	3	20	26	10
Llanrhaeadr Res	7	3	0	4	27	33	9
Welshpool Res	7	1	2	4	11	22	5
Newtown Wdrs	5	1	1	3	7	16	4
Carno Res	8	1	0	7	15	23	3
Llanfechain	8	1	0	7	13	34	3
Llanfyllin Res	6	0	1	5	4	36	1

Greenhous Shrewsbury Sunday League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Instones United	5	5	0	0	30	10	15
Cruckton Rovers	5	4	0	1	22	16	12
Compasses	8	3	3	2	19	19	12
Beacon	5	3	1	1	16	8	10
Loppington	7	3	1	3	14	19	10
Radbrook	6	2	3	1	13	11	9
Telegraph	8	2	3	3	23	26	9
Kinnerley	7	2	1	4	16	18	7
The Gates	8	1	2	5	16	28	5
Coton Rovers	7	0	2	5	18	32	2

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Norbury	6	4	1	1	24	9	13
Snailbeach	4	4	0	0	29	3	12
White Lion	8	4	0	4	19	30	12
Bomere Heath	6	3	2	1	21	10	11
Unison	6	3	1	2	14	16	10
Red Barne	6	2	1	3	15	12	7
Harlescott Rgrs	7	2	1	4	17	16	7
S.A.H.A.	7	2	1	4	14	22	7
A Fountain	6	0	1	5	9	44	1

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Beeches	8	7	1	0	36	18	22
Bull In The Barne	9	6	1	2	22	19	19
Dudleston Heath.	6	5	0	1	33	16	15
Charles Darwin	6	4	0	2	26	18	12
Heath Farm Rgrs	8	4	0	4	22	29	12
Dun Cow	6	2	2	2	22	20	8
Onslow	7	2	0	5	20	20	6
Brockton Rovers	7	1	1	5	17	31	4
Wheatsheaf	8	1	1	6	18	33	4
Minsterley Rgrs	7	1	0	6	18	30	3

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dorrington	8	6	1	1	22	10	19
Craven Arms	7	6	0	1	27	13	18
Boca Seniors	7	5	2	0	32	9	17
Crown A F'gate	8	4	1	3	29	21	13
Dolphin A	9	3	3	3	25	26	12
Rock Rovers	6	3	1	2	19	14	10
Old PO Wem	6	3	1	2	19	16	10
Compasses BH	7	2	1	4	20	20	7
Unicorn	6	1	0	5	11	31	3
Coracle United	7	1	0	6	9	38	3
Dun Cow Youth	7	0	0	7	10	25	0

Telford Flooring - Telford Sunday League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Whitehorse Ath	7	6	0	1	26	13	18
Dawley	6	5	1	0	29	13	16
Shifnal Nth End	9	4	2	3	34	33	14
Celtic Spartans	8	4	1	3	32	17	13
The Talbot	7	3	2	2	20	17	11
Joiners Arms	6	2	1	3	14	19	7
Riverside	7	2	1	4	12	21	7
Travellers Joy	8	2	1	5	15	29	7
Captain Webb	8	0	1	7	13	33	1

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
A Broseley	7	6	0	1	42	5	18
W'dine Wd Wdrs	6	5	0	1	25	7	15
Telford Rangers	7	4	2	1	22	14	14
St Georges	7	4	1	2	17	17	13
Bulls Head DBV	7	3	0	4	14	21	9
Crown Dawley	8	2	0	6	13	20	6
Britannia	6	1	2	3	11	26	5
Black Horse	5	1	1	3	9	20	4
Kings Arms MD	7	1	0	6	7	30	3

Wrockwardine Wood Monday Night Domino League

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Rec Club	28	22	6	122	74	166
Bullshead	28	20	8	112	84	152
B & White	28	17	11	112	84	146
Dun Cow	28	17	11	112	84	146
Football	28	16	12	102	94	134
W Horse FR	28	16	12	97	99	129
Trench S Club	28	15	13	97	99	127
Duke B	28	14	14	96	100	124
W Horse A	28	14	14	96	100	124
Wendy	28	12	16	100	96	124
Coalport B	28	13	15	92	104	118
Coalport A	28	11	17	91	105	113
W Horse B	28	11	17	89	107	111
Foresters	28	9	19	88	108	106
Duke A	28	9	19	81	115	99
C Cheese	28	8	20	82	114	98

Honeysuckle Newport Domino League

	P	W	F	A	P
Honeysuckle	5	4	19	16	27
Bowling Club A	4	3	20	8	26
Honeysuckle AC	5	3	18	17	24
New Bowlers	4	4	16	12	24
Legion Bees	5	1	16	19	18
Kings Head	5	1	15	20	17
Malts	5	1	13	22	15
Bowling Club B	3	1	9	12	11

Horsehay & Dawley Licensees Domino League

	P	W	L	F	A	P
White Horse A	4	3	1	23	9	23
Elizabethan	4	4	0	22	10	22
Bulls Head	4	2	2	16	16	16
Travellers Joy	4	1	3	15	17	15
Madeley CC	3	2	1	13	11	13
Ring of Bells	3	1	2	12	12	12
Three Crowns	4	1	3	10	22	10
White Horse B	3	1	2	10	14	10
Queens Head	3	1	2	7	17	7

Results

White Horse A 3 Bulls Head 5; Travellers Joy 6 White Horse B 2; Madeley CC 2 Ring of Bells 6; Three Crowns 2 Elizabethan 6.

Market Drayton Billiards & Snooker League

Snooker Division 1

	P	W	D	L	P
Newport Literary B	4	2	1	1	10
Newport Literary C	4	2	2	0	10
Raven	4	2	2	0	10
M Drayton Legion D	4	1	3	0	10
Newport Legion	4	1	2	1	9
M Drayton Legion B	4	1	2	1	8
Edgmond B	4	1	2	1	7
Newport Literary A	4	0	3	1	7
Newport Literary D	4	0	2	2	5
Hodnet B	4	0	1	3	4

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	P
Hodnet D	4	3	1	0	11
Hodnet A	4	3	0	1	10
Sir John Bayley	3	3	0	0	9
Hales	3	2	1	0	9
M Drayton Legion A	4	1	0	3	7
Edgmond A	4	1	0	3	5
Hodnet C	3	1	0	2	5
Calverhall	4	0	1	3	4
Edgmond C	3	0	1	2	4

Billiards

	P	W	D	L	P
Newport Legion	4	3	0	1	14
M Drayton Legion B	4	3	0	1	11
Hodnet A	4	2	0	2	10
M Drayton Legion A	4	1	0	3	8
Hodnet B	4	1	0	3	7

Midland Men's Hockey League

1st Team League

Midlands 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Boots	5	4	1	0	26	13	13
Barford Tigers	5	4	0	1	13	8	12
Sutton Coldfield	6	3	0	3	15	12	9
H'pton-in-Arden	5	3	0	2	20	18	9
Bridgnorth	5	2	1	2	14	13	7
Stone	5	2	1	2	12	14	7
Warwick Uni	6	2	1	3	12	18	7
Edgbaston	5	2	0	3	16	15	6
North Stafford	5	1	3	1	14	14	6
Warwick	5	2	0	3	10	12	6
Northampton St	5	2	0	3	11	15	6
Old Halesonians	5	0	1	4	7	18	1

Midlands 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Burton	5	4	1	0	31	9	13
Chesterfield	5	4	1	0	11	2	13
Stratford	5	3	1	1	17	5	10
Streetly	5	3	1	1	17	10	10
Telford & Wrekin	5	2	3	0	19	11	9
Finchfield	5	2	1	2	18	23	7
Cov & Nth War	5	2	0	3	15	14	6
Bloxwich	5	1	2	2	12	17	5
Old Silhillians	5	1	1	3	11	15	4
Coalville	5	1	1	3	9	18	4
Sikh U (Notts)	5	1	0	4	12	26	3
N'gham Players	5	0	0	5	2	24	0

West Midlands Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sikh U (Cov'try)	4	4	0	0	24	4	12
Ludlow	5	3	1	1	15	13	10
Berks& Bal Com.	5	3	1	1	8	6	10
Solihull B'field	4	3	0	1	11	5	9
Bromsgrove	5	2	1	2	12	7	7
Aldridge & W'sall	5	2	1	2	7	4	7
Redditch	4	1	1	2	11	5	4
Market Drayton	5	1	1	3	4	11	4
Stafford	4	1	0	3	7	12	3
Shrewsbury	4	1	0	3	7	13	3
West Bromwich	5	1	0	4	6	32	3

Midlands Women's Hockey League

Midlands Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Uni of Brum II	7	5	2	0	22	10	17
Belper I	7	5	2	0	12	3	17
L'mington 1st XI	7	5	1	1	17	10	16
Beeston II	7	5	0	2	21	11	15
Leicester II	7	2	2	3	11	15	8
Harborne I	7	1	4	2	15	13	7
North Notts I	7	2	1	4	9	15	7
Northampton St I	7	1	1	5	12	21	4
Boots I	7	1	1	5	4	17	4
Lichfield 1st XI	7	1	0	6	12	20	3

Midlands Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Uni of Notts I	7	7	0	0	42	2	21
Leek 1st XI	7	6	0	1	15	13	18
L'borough Stu II	7	3	2	2	24	14	11
Stourport 2nd XI	7	2	4	1	10	12	10
Uni of Brum III	7	2	3	2	14	15	9
Edgbaston 1st XI	7	2	2	3	21	16	8
Sutton Coldfield II	7	1	3	3	7	15	6
Cannock II	7	0	4	3	8	17	4
Matlock Bailean I	7	1	1	5	8	24	4
Shrewsbury I	7	0	3	4	7	28	3

Midlands Feeder West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Telford & Wrekin I	7	6	1	0	27	10	19
Harborne 2nd XI	6	4	2	0	16	7	14
Stratford I	7	3	3	1	11	7	12
Warwick I	6	2	2	2	13	7	8
Edgbaston 2nd XI	6	2	2	2	6	6	8
Stafford 1st XI	6	2	0	4	8	10	6
Lichfield 2nd XI	6	1	1	4	13	17	4
Bournville I	6	1	1	4	10	28	4
North Staffs HC I	6	1	0	5	4	16	3

Shropshire Ladies Hockey League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bridgnorth I	6	6	0	0	42	3	18
Wem/MD I	6	4	0	2	21	8	12
Bridgnorth II	6	3	1	2	15	14	10
Telford & Wrek II	6	3	1	2	16	19	10
Montgomery	6	3	0	3	13	14	6
Wem/MD II	6	2	1	3	10	19	4
Shrewsbury III	6	1	1	4	6	18	1
Ludlow & W'lock	6	0	0	6	0	28	-3

Wellington Winter Dominoes League

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Malt Shovel B	2	1	1	11	7	6
Woolpack	2	2	0	11	7	6
Park Hotel B	2	1	1	11	7	5
Captain Webb	2	1	1	8	10	4
Horseshoes	2	1	1	8	10	4
Park Hotel A	2	1	1	7	11	3
Malt Shovel A	2	0	2	8	10	2
Railway	2	0	2	8	10	2

Stonehouse Brewery Oswestry & District Domino League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
B L Oswestry A	8	4	3	1	34	14	11
Lion L'ffraid	8	5	1	2	29	19	11
B H Maesbrook	7	3	4	0	27	15	10
T W L Oswestry	7	3	4	0	26	16	10
T P Oswestry	8	4	2	2	27	21	10
Bradford A Knoc	7	3	2	2	21	21	8
B L Oswestry B	7	1	5	1	21	21	7
Penybont Inn	7	3	1	3	19	23	7
Station L'ffraid	7	1	4	2	20	22	6
Bell Oswestry	7	3	0	4	18	24	6
George Oswestry	8	1	2	5	18	30	4
W Inn Oswestry	8	1	2	5	17	31	4
Oak Oswestry	7	0	2	5	11	31	2

Newport Domino League

	P	W	F	A	P
Honeysuckle	6	5	24	18	34
Bowling Club A	5	3	23	12	32
Honeysuckle AC	6	3	20	22	26
New Bowlers	5	4	18	17	26
Legion Bees	6	2	20	22	24
Kings head	6	2	20	22	24
Bowling Club B	4	2	14	14	18
Malts	6	1	15	27	17

Arthur Hawkins Newport District Domino League

	P	W	F	A	P
Cricket B	6	6	27	15	39
Lion	6	5	29	13	39
Wheatsheaf Bees	6	4	24	18	32
Legion Aces	6	3	24	18	30
Bowling Club B	6	4	21	21	29
Cricket A	5	3	20	15	26
Three Horseshoes	6	1	14	28	18
Bowling Club A	5	1	13	22	15
Childs Ercall Club	5	1	13	22	15
Wheatsheaf Wasps	5	0	11	24	11

QC Plastering Bridgnorth Five-A-Side League

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
New Inn	7	5	0	2	17	10	15
GTE Transport	7	5	0	2	17	12	15
Alveley	7	4	1	2	11	9	13
Down Inn	7	4	0	3	11	7	12
Cressage	7	4	0	3	19	15	12
Pheonix FC	7	3	0	4	13	21	9
AFC Bridgnorth	7	1	1	5	12	21	4
The George	7	1	0	6	6	14	3

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
The Horse	7	6	1	0	21	7	19
The Tractor Boys	9	4	3	2	15	13	15
Bulldog 2012	9	3	3	3	18	18	12
Claverley	8	2	4	2	7	9	10
Black Horse	7	3	0	4	10	9	9
Assured FC	7	2	2	3	10	11	8
Silverthorne OB	7	2	2	3	12	14	8
B/N Corinthians	8	1	4	3	10	13	7
West Gate	8	2	1	5	11	19	7

Shrewsbury Premier Darts League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Admiral D'can A	8	7	1	0	48	16	15
Crown	8	5	2	1	39	25	12
Masonic	8	5	1	2	40	24	11
Wheatsheaf FW	8	4	3	1	38	26	11
Brooklands	8	5	0	3	36	28	10
Heathgates	8	4	2	2	34	30	10
Compasses Dith.	8	3	2	3	30	34	8
Dickin Arms	8	4	0	4	30	34	8
Rock & Fountain	8	3	1	4	26	38	7
Mytton Arms	8	1	4	3	31	33	6
Beeches	8	2	1	5	25	39	5
Admiral D'can B	8	2	0	6	26	38	4
Inn on the Green	8	1	1	6	25	39	3
Woodman	8	1	0	7	20	44	

English Rugby Clubs

Midlands Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
B'ham & S'hull	9	9	0	0	420	126	43
P'borough Lns	9	8	0	1	369	161	40
Newport (Salop)	9	6	0	3	393	159	33
Sandbach	9	6	0	3	277	212	30
Doncaster P'nix	9	5	0	4	304	257	29
Derby	9	5	0	4	257	262	27
Bournville	9	5	0	4	233	255	25
Nuneaton	9	4	0	5	261	206	23
Bridgnorth	9	4	0	5	228	183	22
Scunthorpe	9	4	0	5	230	272	20
Lichfield	9	3	0	6	179	367	18
N'bold on Avon	9	2	0	7	189	312	13
Longton	9	2	0	7	147	363	13
Old Halesonians	9	0	0	9	104	456	3

Midlands 1 West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bromsgrove	9	9	0	0	310	180	42
Burton	9	8	0	1	416	111	41
Dudley Kings	9	7	0	2	310	191	36
Rugby Lions	9	5	2	2	230	183	30
Stoke on Trent	9	5	2	2	232	203	27
Moseley Oak	9	4	1	4	199	191	23
Hereford	9	4	1	4	187	183	22
Lutterworth	9	3	0	6	206	292	19
Stourbridge Lns	9	3	1	5	164	184	17
Camp Hill	9	3	0	6	156	230	16
Worcester	9	2	2	5	147	194	16
Melbourne	9	1	2	6	159	235	11
Wolverhampton	9	1	2	6	140	318	11
Sutton Coldfield	9	1	1	7	146	307	7

Midlands 2 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Whitchurch	6	6	0	0	188	66	28
Crewe & N'wich	6	5	0	1	183	115	24
Spartans Mids	6	4	0	2	114	87	19
Walsall	6	3	1	2	157	151	19
Leek	6	3	1	2	88	113	17
Veseyans	6	3	1	2	90	101	16
Tamworth	6	3	0	3	115	161	14
Cleobury M	6	2	0	4	83	122	11
N'castle, Staffs	6	2	0	4	110	87	10
Ludlow	6	1	1	4	127	182	9
Old Saltleians	6	1	0	5	85	112	7
Kidderminster	6	1	0	5	102	145	7

Midlands 3 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Burntwood	6	6	0	0	188	84	29
Telford Hornets	6	6	0	0	186	37	27
Harborne	6	4	0	2	154	135	20
Cannock	6	4	0	2	183	142	19
Stafford	6	4	0	2	135	98	19
Edwardians	6	3	0	3	130	174	15
Shrewsbury	6	3	0	3	108	121	14
Handsworth	6	2	0	4	190	207	11
Trentham	6	1	0	5	164	186	9
Willenhall	6	1	0	5	120	167	7
Uttoxeter	6	1	0	5	138	203	7
Barton-U-N'wd	6	1	0	5	104	246	6

Midlands 4 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wednesbury	6	5	0	1	256	39	25
Eccleshall	6	5	0	1	181	96	24
Rugeley	5	4	0	1	164	83	19
Aston OE	5	4	0	1	106	70	19
Clee Hill	6	3	0	3	88	128	15
Yardley & Dist	6	2	0	4	33	90	12
Bloxwich	5	3	0	2	166	94	11
Essington	6	2	0	4	101	140	10
Market Drayton	5	2	0	3	76	131	9
Church Stretton	5	0	0	5	34	185	2
Five Ways OE	5	0	0	5	49	198	1

Midlands 5 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Greyhound	5	4	0	1	152	91	19
St Leonards	5	4	0	1	109	71	19
Bishops Castle	5	3	0	2	125	106	17
Linley	5	3	0	2	135	86	16
Chaddesley C	5	2	0	3	157	135	13
Gnosall	5	2	0	3	127	159	12
Warley	5	1	0	4	68	173	5
Stourport	5	1	0	4	69	121	0

Midlands 5 West South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Aldridge	4	4	0	0	146	52	19
Atherstone	4	3	0	1	125	26	14
Rugby Welsh	4	2	0	2	82	51	11
Kings Norton	4	2	0	2	86	67	10
Keresley	4	2	0	2	59	102	10
B'ham Exiles	5	2	0	3	85	117	9
Trinity Guild	5	0	0	5	29	197	0

S Lancs/Cheshire Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Winnington Pk	9	9	0	0	335	82	42
Heaton Moor	9	7	0	2	416	100	37
Liverpool Coll	9	7	0	2	359	116	37
Aspull	9	8	0	1	248	171	36
Didsbury Toc H	9	5	0	4	321	179	27
Orrell	9	5	0	4	289	183	25
Oswestry	9	4	0	5	177	175	24
Dukinfield	9	5	0	4	239	177	23
Wigan	9	4	0	5	220	183	21
Marple	9	4	0	5	202	170	21
Congleton	9	3	0	6	159	249	17
Port Sunlight	9	2	0	7	209	286	12
Oldershaw	9	0	0	9	69	492	1
V'bonds IOM	9	0	0	9	35	715	0

Wrekin Shortmat Bowls

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Madeley Court C	1	1	0	0	19	4	2
Newport C G A	1	1	0	0	13	5	2
Newport C G B	1	1	1	0	14	7	2
Ketley Bank B	2	1	0	1	16	21	2
Shrewsbury	2	1	0	1	17	27	2
Madeley Court B	1	0	0	1	7	9	0
Broseley Vic B	2	0	0	2	13	26	0

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Newport C G C	2	2	0	0	35	16	4
Ketley Bank D	2	2	0	0	25	11	4
Newport C G E	3	2	0	1	26	27	4
Broseley Vica A	2	1	0	1	22	19	2
Randlay A	3	1	0	2	22	30	2
Newport SBC A	2	0	0	2	15	24	0
St Georges A	2	0	0	2	17	34	0

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. Georges B	3	2	0	1	40	19	4
Ketley Bank E	2	2	0	0	29	9	4
Dawley E	3	2	0	1	42	29	4
Ketley Bank C	3	1	0	2	32	32	2
Dawley C	2	1	0	1	18	24	2
Newport CG D	3	1	0	2	20	44	2
Sutton Hill D	2	0	0	2	6	30	0

Ron's Gents Hairdressing Shrewsbury & District Domino League

Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Boars Head	7	6	1	0	38	18	13
Frankwell CC	7	5	1	1	35	21	11
Telegraph CB	7	4	2	1	32	24	10
Horseshoes	7	5	0	2	31	25	10
Crown A	7	4	1	2	32	24	9
Unison	7	3	2	2	31	25	8
Comp/Reman	7	3	1	3	32	24	7
Telepost	7	3	1	3	23	33	7
Belle Vue Tavern.	7	2	2	3	23	33	6
Cross Foxes B	7	2	1	4	26	30	5
Monk / Belv	7	2	1	4	26	30	5
Rock A	7	1	3	3	26	30	5
Rock B	7	2	1	4	25	31	5
Brooklands A	7	2	1	4	23	33	5
Rock C	7	1	1	5	23	33	3
Woodman A	7	1	1	5	22	34	3

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Telegraph A	7	5	1	1	33	23	11
Plough	7	4	2	1	32	24	10
Harlescott SC	6	4	2	0	30	18	10
Heathgates B	7	3	3	1	32	24	9
Woodman B	7	4	0	3	31	25	8
Horseshoes A	7	3	2	2	31	25	8
Monkmoor	7	4	0	3	30	26	8
Compasses A	7	3	1	3	33	23	7
Old Bell	7	3	1	3	28	28	7
Telegraph B	7	3	1	3	26	30	7
Corbett Uff A	7	2	3	2	26	30	7
Telegraph RO	6	2	2	2	27	21	6
Beeches A	7	2	1	4	20	36	5
Harry Hotspur	7	0	4	3	24	32	4
Compasses B	7	0	2	5	21	35	2
Red Lion	7	0	0	7	15	41	0

Division Three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rock D	7	5	1	1	36	20	11
Prince of Wales A	7	5	1	1	33	23	11
Cressage	6	3	3	0	28	20	9
Beeches	6	4	0	2	32	16	8
Bull in the Barn A	7	2	4	1	29	27	8
Coach	7	3	1	3	28	28	7
Corbett Uff B	6	3	1	2	27	21	7
Ad Duncan	6	3	1	2	25	23	7
Bagley	7	2	2	3	26	30	6
Bull in the Barn B	6	2	2	2	24	24	6
Masonic A	6	2	1	3	20	28	5
Masonic B	6	2	0	4	24	24	4
Steam Wagon	7	2	0	5	23	33	4
Compasses BH	7	1	1	5	22	34	3
Wheatsheaf FW	5	0	0	5	7	33	0

Division Four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Crown B	6	5	0	1	34	14	10
Bird	5	4	0	1	25	15	8
Heathgates A	6	2	3	1	27	21	7
Dolphin	5	3	0	2	20	20	6
Bricklayers Cop	5	2	1	2	21	19	5
Red Lion	5	2	1	2	18	22	5
Cross Foxes A	6	1	2	3	20	28	4
Prince of Wales B	4	2	0	2	16	16	4
Inn on the Green	6	1	0	5	18	30	2
Brooklands B	6	1	0	5	16	32	2

Elcock Reisen Broseley Dominoes League

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Red Lion	6	4	2	25	17	37
3 Lions	5	4	1	23	12	35
Ironmaster	6	3	3	22	20	31
Down/Outs	5	4	1	18	17	30
Old Boys	5	3	2	19	16	28
Cricket	5	2	3	17	18	23
Pressies	5	2	3	17	18	23
Lion A	5	1	4	15	20	18
Lion B	6	1	5	12	30	15

Horsehay & Dawley Licensees Domino League

	P	W	L	F	A	P
White Horse A	5	4	1	29	11	29
Elizabethan	5	4	1	24	16	24
Travellers Joy	5	2	3	20	20	20
Madeley CC	4	3	1	19	12	19
Bulls Head	4	2	2	16	16	16
Ring of Bells	4	1	3	14	18	14
Three Crowns	5	1	4	13	27	13
White Horse B	4	1	5	13	19	13
Queens Head	4	2	2	12	30	12

Telford Singles & Doubles Domino League

	P	F	A	P
Bulls Head B	7	37	26	16
Horseshoes B	7	39	24	14
Railway B	7	33	30	12
Rec Club	7	35	28	11
Horseshoes A	6	31	23	11
Park Hotel	7	30	33	11
Bulls Head A	6	31	23	10
White Horse FR	7	29	34	9
White Hart	7	26	37	9
Albion	6	24	30	9
Maddocks	6	28	26	8
White Horse WW	7	27	36	8
Railway A	6	24	30	7
Talbot	6	23	31	7
Wendy House	6	24	30	5

Bridgnorth Dominoes

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
AFC A	6	3	3	0	28	20	9
Highley WMC	6	3	2	1	26	22	8
Malt Shovel	6	2	3	1	26	22	7
Chelmarsh SSC A	6	2	2	2	25	23	6
Fosters Arms A	6	2	2	2	24	24	6
Golden Lion	6	2	2	2	23	25	6
Islanders	6	1	3	2	23	25	5
Bowling Club A	6	2	1	3	22	26	5
Royal Oak	6	1	2	3	24	24	4
Fosters Arms B	6	2	0	4	19	29	4

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Goldens	6	5	0	1	28	20	10
Woodberry Inn	5	4	1	0	27	13	9
AFC B	6	4	0	2	31	17	8
Chelmarsh SSC B	6	3	1	2	24	24	7
Rugby Club	5	2	1	2	20	20	5
Duke of York	5	0	4	1	18	22	4
Bowling Club B	5	0	2	3	17	23	2
Alveley SSC	5	0	2	3	14	26	2
Bylet	5	0	1	4	13	27	1

Shrewsbury Ladies Darts

Division 1

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Heathgates	7	5	0	2	32	10	12
Charles Darwin	7	5	0	2	30	12	12
Anchor FW	7	5	1	1	32	10	11
Rock & Fountain A	6	5	0	1	26	10	11
Woodman	7	4	1	2	25	17	10
Monkmoor B	6	3	2	1	15	21	7
Belle Vue Tavern.	6	2	2	2	18	18	6
Beeches	8	2	6	0	19	29	4
Telegraph	6	2	4	0	14	22	4
Horseshoes	7	1	6	0	12	30	2
Crown Coleham	8	1	7	0	12	36	2
Crown & Sceptre	7	0	6	1	11	31	1

Division 2

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Harry Hotspur	8	6	1	1	32	16	13
Saddlers	7	5	1	1	27	15	11
Crown AF	7	2	0	5	23	19	9
HSC	7	2	0	5	23	19	9
Red Lion	8	2	2	4	26	22	8
Bird in Hand	7	3	2	2	23	19	8
Compasses A	7	3	2	2	21	21	8
Monkmoor A	7	2	2	3	19	23	7
Rock & Fountain B	8	2	4	2	23	25	6
Bagley SSC	8	3	5	0	21	27	6
Compasses A	8	2	5	1	18	30	5
Compasses C	7	2	4	1	17	25	5
Masonic	7	0	6	1	15	27	1

Llan book cup ticket with stirring fightback

TWO well-taken second half strikes took Llanrhaeadr into the last 32 of the JD Welsh Cup with a shock 2-1 second round victory at Cymru Alliance side Caersws.

Iwan Matthews broke the deadlock eight minutes into the second period after a long ball had been flicked on, and Iain Edmunds hammered home a superb 18-yard volley four minutes later.

Caersws pulled back a penalty from Elliot Jones with 10 minutes left after Steve Blenkinsop had been brought down by Dan Kelly.

But Llan held firm to secure their ticket for the third round while heaping more misery on the Bluebirds whose poor run of form continued.

Caersws started the stronger, and had their chances to take an early lead with Luke Sherbon having a shot tipped round the post by keeper Connor Lee.

From the resulting corner, Rhydian Davies saw his header strike the upright, while Sherbon and Davies failed to capitalise in the ensuing goalmouth melee.

Craig Harris, Blenkinsop and Lance Jones also went close, before Llanrhaeadr began to grow into the game.

Matthews put one effort over. before they got their noses in front when the striker showed his pace to latch onto a through ball to fire past keeper Luke Evans.

Caersws, struggling near the foot of the Cymru Alliance, fell further behind when Edmunds crashed home a terrific volley into the top of the net after the hosts had half cleared.

Although Elliot Jones pulled one back with a spot kick, Spar Mid Wales League title chasers Llanrhaeadr held firm for a famous win as Caersws made an early exit for the third successive season.

Guilsfield through in late cup thriller

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

LATE drama saw Guilsfield snatch a thrilling 3-2 victory at Huws Gray Cymru Alliance rivals Holywell Town to keep their flag flying in the JD Welsh Cup.

With the full blooded second round tie evenly poised at 1-1, Holywell got their noses in from three minutes from time when Steve Lewis turned in a Mark Winslade cross.

But the Guils were back on terms a minute later as Adam Jenkins fired home his second goal of the game.

Then, with extra time looming, Asa Hamilton chased a ball over the top before shrugging of his marker to shoot into the net.

The drama continued with Holywell then having Gareth Sudlow sent off, while Guils striker Hamilton was also dismissed for his second booking after goading Sudlow as he walked off.

It was nip and tuck throughout in a feisty affair, with no quarter given, epitomised by Hamilton's battle with ex-Newtown defender Sudlow throughout the tie.

Holywell spurned a golden chance early on when Winslade was adjudged to have been brought down by Lee Andrew, but the keeper made amends by saving the resulting penalty taken by Steve Lewis - his third spot kick save this season.

The Guils, however, went behind in sloppy fashion on 32 minutes when Sam Jones tapped the ball home from a corner.

But they were creating chances and, with tempers fraying late in the half, fancied their chances at they turned around for the second half with the elements in their favour.

Feisty tie

They started to enjoy the greater share of the game, and their efforts paid off as Jenkins levelled matters for the first time on 64 minutes before the game headed for it's trilling climax.

The Mid Wales villagers pushed but, after having penalty claims turned down, were caught on the break as Lewis struck against the run of play for the Wellmen.

But they showed a never-say-die attitude to turn the game on its head in the dying moments, to earn their place in the last 32.

After their thrilling and often feisty cup tie, the sides renew acquaince on Saturday, this time at Clos Mytton in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance as the Guils look to consolidate their top four position.

BERRIEW put up a creditable fight before bowing out 4-1 at Huws Gray Cymru Alliance high fliers Caernarfon Town.

The Rhiewsiders found themselves trailing after 10 minutes to Darren Thomas, and former Welshpool forward Jamie Breese doubled the home lead eight minutes before half time.

Thomas then bagged his second seven minutes after the break, but

Karl Seliaerts pulled one back three minutes later but the hosts had the last word through Rhys Roberts on 71 minutes.

After the match, Caernarfon Town boss Iwan Williams was unveiled as the new manager of Welsh Premier side Llandudno.

TNS slip to rare home defeat

Barry keeper Mike Lewis clutches the ball under pressure from Ryan Leak, with Greg Draper (left) and sub Wes Fletcher (right) looking on. ■ *Pic: Phil Blagg.*

KAYNE McLaggon sent The New Saints slipping to a rare home defeat as Barry surprised the defending champions to ensure the early race for the JD Welsh Premier crown remains evenly poised.

McLaggon's strike six minutes into the second period was enough to separate the sides, with the forward rounding off a swift move for his seventh goal of the season.

Despite the defeat, the Saints are still top, but only on goal difference after Connah's Quay moved level with their 2-1 victory over Prestatyn the night before,

Third placed Cardiff Met also closed the gap on TNS to just one point with a 5-0 demolition of hapless bottom club Carmarthen Town,

Saints boss Scott Ruscoe admitted the league leaders were not at their best against a Barry side who looked a threat on the counter attack, and tough to break down.

"It was an off day, but we've got to move on and not dwell on it," he said after his side's 14-match unbeaten run came to an end.

"We're back in on training on Monday, and will look to put things right as we prepare for a big game against Queen of the South in the IRN-BRU Cup on Sunday."

Barry, one time giants of the Welsh Premier, sounded an early warning when the ball was rolled across the home box before being cleared.

The Saints, looking to capitalise on their third home game in their last four league appearances, had the ball in the net on eight minutes, but Greg Draper's strike was ruled out for offside.

Defender Connell Rawlinson then headed against the post, Ryan Leak also had an effort saved by keeper Mike Lewis, but the visitors were more than a match for the league leaders as Callum Sainty went close with a headed effort.

The Saints were stunned on 51 minutes as McLaggon beat keeper Paul Harrison to give Barry the lead, after which they failed to capitalise on their openings at the other end,

With time running out, Aeron Edwards headed wide and some stout defending in the box denied Rawlinson in a scramble following a corner.

Barry, who arrived at Park Hall on the back of a four match losing run, then safely navigated five minutes of added time to spark celebrations at the final whistle.

Manager Gavin Chesterfield praised his Barry charges, adding: "When you come here, you know you are going to concede possession and territory, and need a bit of luck, but the players stuck to our game plan diligently.

We defended to a man magnificently and it says a lot about the character of the side."

■ Newtown's winless run continued as a goal in each half from Dean Rittenberg saw them suffer a 2-1 home loss to Bangor City at Latham Park to slip into the basement zone.

The Robins were behind at the break as the Citizens' striker volleyed home right on half time.

Jamie Reed's back heel brought the home side back on level terms, but seven minutes from time Rittenberg robbed goalkeeper Dave Jones of the ball and rolled it into an empty net.

Five-star Saints hit back with super win

ST MARTINS produced a fine all round display as they returned to winning ways in the West Midlands League division one with a terrific 5-0 victory at Team Dudley.

After four defeats on the bounce in the league, the Saints halted their slide in emphatic fashion to boost hopes of climbing back up the table.

With a stronger squad at their disposal, they underlined their credentials, and boss Dan Stevens sees no reason why his side can't make an impression this season.

"A win like that has been on the cards, and 5-0 did not flatter us," he said. "The key is availability of players. We've had a different eleven every week which makes it difficult to get any cohesion in the team.

"But we're now getting a young squad together that is capable of going on a nine or 10 game winning run, and also doing well in all the cup competitions we're in."

Harrison Millington netted the opening goal to put the visitors on course, before Josh Parker doubled the lead with his first goal for the club.

Shawn Melusi made it 3-0 as the Saints turned on the style on the 3G surface, before Dave Hartshorn's brace completed the nap hand.

Victory sees St Martins stay 13th in the table, but they have opened up a gap on the sides below them, and are just four points off mid-table.

They have no league game on Saturday, but will look to maintain the momentum when they tackled FC Penley in the Ethelston Cup at Whitchurch Alport last night (Wednesday).

Elsewhere, high flying St Martins Village staged a remarkable late fightback to seal a 3-2 victory over Claverley in the second round of the Shropshire County Challenge Cup.

With just five minutes remaining, they looked to be going out after trailing to a goal in each half from their visitors.

But they hit back with Max Smith launching the fightback when converting a cross from Paul Morris, and with one minute remaining it was all square through Aaron Davies from close range.

The game looked like going into extra time but Luke Riley, on his first start after returning from Llansantffraid, sparking jubilant scenes with the winner in the

Meifod spot on with win in shoot-out

MEIFOD kept their flag flying in the Emrys Morgan Cup with a penalty shoot-out win at Llanymyech in the first round.

The tie had finished 2-2, with Mike Edwards and Liam Jones on the mark for Llany, but the visitors took the shoot-out 4-2.

Guilsfield reserves stormed through as they swept aside Borth United reserves 9-0 in a one-sided affair.

In the Montgomeryshire League division one, a 93rd minute equaliser by Callum Foulkes earned 10-man Llanfair reserves a 1-1 draw with Waterloo Rovers.

In a drab game on Mount Field, the visitors took the lead in the second half through a great strike by Nick Roberts before the hosts lost Barrie Jon Lloyd who received a second yellow card and his marching orders for a late tackle.

Looking like it was game over for Llanfair, Foulkes picked the ball up in injury time and found the bottom corner from 25 yards to level matters.

Churchstoke reserves, meanwhile, are up to fourth in the second division with a 5-0 beating of Llanfechain.

Montgomeryshire League hot shots up to October

Division One: Ashley Davies (Llanfair) and Danny Barton (Guilsfield) - both 11; Mike Edwards (Llanymynech) - 9: Luke Francis (Guilsfield) and Andrew Gwillt (Waterloo) - both 7.

Division Two: Josh Evans (Llangedwyn) - 17: Josh Gethin (Forden) - 14, Mike H-Smith (Forden) - 12; Sukru Ozdemir (Abermule) - 10.

Week to forget for beleaguered Pool

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

LEADERS Welshpool Town ended a nightmare week by crashing 5-1 at Bow Street in the Spar Mid Wales League division one.

After their six goal beating at Llanfair United in the Montgomeryshire Cup a few days before, Pool again struggled as they slipped to their heaviest league reverse of the campaign.

Tom Evans scored twice for the home side, along with Mark Gornall, Rhyn Garner and Neil Evans, while a penalty from Ian Probert provided their consolation in a disappointing performance.

Despite the loss, the Lilywhites remain two points clear at the top, but will need to show a big improvement after a week they will want to forget.

LLANFAIR UNITED, in fourth, earned a 1-1 at home to title rivals Llanidloes Town as both sides battle to stay hard on the heels of the leaders.

After a goalless first half, Josh Astley gave Llanfair the lead following a breakaway before a headed effort from George Clarke from a Josh Evans corner earned parity for the visitors.

Llanfair finished the game with 10 men after Toby Evans picked up two cautions for a couple of late tackles.

It was a bad day for **KERRY** who slumped 4-1 at home to Carno to remain in the lower regions of the table. The visitors took the spoils through Peter Rees (2), Andy Evans and a Luke Evans penalty. The Lambs responded with a penalty from Luke Mumford.

Knighton Town, in seventh, stayed in sight of the leading pack with their 3-2 victory over lowly Machynlleth

Aberaeron were locked in a goalless stalemate with visiting Radnor Valley, while Churchstoke's trip to Borth United was postponed.

In division two, Aberystwyth University missed a chance of stepping up the pressure on the leading sides when they went down 2-0 at Dolgellau.

Meanwhile, Tom Gale scored twice as **LLANSANTFFRAID VILLAGE** progressed to the second round of the ER Jenkins Cup with a comfortable 5-1 beating of Talgarth Town at Treflan.

MONTGOMERY are also through with a 2-0 passage at Presteigne, but **DYFFRYN BANW** bowed out 1-0 at Abermule.

Newbridge ran out 4-2 victors against struggling Penybont to earn their second round ticket, and high flying Builth Wells are also through prevailing 4-3 at Brecon Northcote.

■ Andrew Hughes bagged a hat-trick as Llanfair United launched the defence of the Montgomeryshire Challenge Cup with a 6-1 romp at Welshpool Town, Paul Griffiths weighing in with a brace and Josh Astley getting the other.

Town denied by late goal

A LATE leveller denied FC Oswestry Town as they were forced to share a 1-1 draw at basement rivals Daisy Hill in the Hallmark North West Counties League division one.

After taking the lead through Gary Meredith on 33 minutes, Town were pegged back three minutes from time with a reply from Ellis Worrall who volleyed home from 10 yards after a left wing corner had only been half cleared.

The draw sees the Oswestry remain just outside the drop zone, but they are up to seventh in the division's form charts with 10 points form their last five outings.

They face a crucial November, with their next action on Saturday at home to Backup Borough who lie a few places above (3pm).

Ladies' tester

OSWESTRY Ladies face a big home encounter with basement rivals Chester Ladies on Saturday as they look to climb the Cheshire Women's Hockey League division two.

After returning to action with a 4-0 loss at Bebbington Ladies, the Oswestry side now find themselves lying third bottom - and three points above this weekend's visitors.

Olympians give youth chance and they shine

Oliver Rogers, Jack Tinney, Morgan Hodgkiss and Harry Heard who won the under-11 boys relay

WITH several of the older members unavailable, it was the younger athletes of Oswestry Olympians Juniors who shone in the first Shropshire Sportshall competition of the season at Oldbury Wells School, Bridgnorth.

Leading the way was Jack Tinney who won the two lap hurdles, while also coming second in the standing triple jump and leading the under-11 boys to victory in an exciting relay.

Fellow relay team members Harry Heard, Oliver Rogers and Morgan Hodgkiss helped their team to third overall with Oliver winning the two-lap B race. Harry finished second in the two-lap A race and Morgan came fourth in the three laps.

Further points were secured through Harry's third in the standing triple jump and Oliver's fourth and Morgan's sixth in the speed bounce.

The under-11 girls were also third overall with Ellen Gray, Evie Foster, Jess Steel and Seren Roberts all securing second places in their events.

Shannon Wilson finished third in the speed bounce while Felicity Clark and Jessica Parsons-Hann added to the points total with fourth placings.

Scoring

Some consistent performances took the under-13 boys to fourth place in their category with thirds for Luke Steel (two laps), Markus Tins (three laps), Ben Rothera (five laps) and Tom Hotchkiss (standing long jump).

Fourths from Markus, Ben and two from Massimo Wyatt, and in the relay, while fifth places from Tom and Luke completed the scoring.

With several club members representing teams in other sports that day, Mollie Tinney and Mia Wyatt were the only Oswestry competitors in the under-13 girls events, but did secure a fifth place for their team.

Though also having just two competitors, the under-15 girls fared a little better with a fourth place thanks to two thirds from Emelia Newton and two fourths from Rhianon Tansley.

Unfortunately no under-15 Boys were available on this occasion.

The next Sportshall event will be at Much Wenlock on Sunday, November 19, with a 10am start.

Emelia Newton and Rhiannon Tansley, Oswestry's only competitors in the under-15 girls' events

Laura nets hat-trick as ladies win thriller

A LATE winner and a second half Laura Morris hat-trick saw The New Saints Ladies blunt Steel City Wanderers 6-5 in a remarkable game in the FA Womens Premier League Midlands division one.

The victory, their eighth in 10 outings, took the Saints into second spot, four points adrift of leaders Loughborough Foxes.

After trailing early on, TNS gradually came back into the game and were awarded a penalty on 25 minutes which Charlotte Canlett coolly converted.

Kim Bebbingotn then nodded them in front from a Morris cross, but a spirited Steel City equalised just on half time following a defensive mix-up in the TNS defence which saw the ball ricochet past keeper Del Morgan.

Canlett restored the Saints lead after the break when beating three defenders, then Emily Ridge fed Morris to open his account.

When Morris got her second, it looked game over, but Steel City hit back with three goals in just eight minutes to level at 5-5.

However, TNS showed spirit of their own and had the final word when Mortis completed her hat-trick when smashing in off the bar after Canlett saw her effort come back off the post.

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TNS under-19s continue to set a hot pace at the top of the Welsh Premier Development League (north) after making it eight wins out of eight with a 2-1 home victory against Airbus UK.

Victory has taken the unbeaten Saints five points clear of second placed Bala Town who have played a game more.

Eagles still look for elusive home victory

RUGBY by John Bridgwater

THE wait for a first home win of the season continues for Oswestry who succumbed 25-12 at home to promotion chasing Aspull in the South Lancs and Cheshire Two.

While they have impressed on their travels, the Eagles have found the going tougher at Granville Park, and again had nothing to show for their latest efforts as they lost more ground on the leading pack.

The encounter coincided with the club's vice presidents dinner at which the special guest was Tony Stimpson who played for England 19 times and was selected for the 1997 British Lions Tour.

Oswestry knew they were in for a difficult match against Aspull, a big and powerful team from Wigan who struck the first blow soon after the kick off.

After being denied by a wonderful tackle from Nickola Nikolov, the visitors powered over the line through their big lock after just three minutes for a converted score to take a 7-0 lead.

Stung into action, the Eagles tried to make ground with good efforts from James Roberts, Andrew Smith and Hugh Adams, but Aspull were forcing themselves further into the home half before a penalty extended their advantage.

Pressure

The Granville Park men were struggling to get out of their own half, but a penalty from Luca Owen-Youens helped relieve the pressure with the ball up to half way.

Strong running saw them cross the gain line, with the hosts finally getting into 22 with good carries by James Roberts and Owen-Youens before being tackled short of the Aspull try line.

After 25 minutes of hard defending, the Oswestry pack were starting to bully their Aspull counterparts, and finally Hugh Adams, with the assistance of Callum Crutchely, was able to put the ball over the line, converted by Owen-Youens to reduce the deficit to 10-7.

Filled with confidence, the Eagles were finally back in the game, only to be denied another score before half time by some solid defending.

Just three points adrift at the interval, the Eagles were forced into changes after the break when Callum Crutchley was helped off the pitch with a serious leg injury to be replaced by Jack Charmley.

But the hosts were in front for the first time when Villiame Masire, with the help of the Oswestry forwards, dived over to score his team's second try, the conversion missed for a 12-10 lead.

Aspull responded with a penalty to get their noses back in front,

Oswestry's Fletcher Owen-Youens bursts through Aspul's defence at Granville Park. ■ *Pic: Martin Ord.*

and the men from Wigan pushed further ahead with a converted try through their full back.

But the hosts kept battling away with Jordan Tsang making a good run followed up by the skipper Andrew Smith. They were backed up by Jack Charmley, and a powerful run by James Booth and Nick Clay before finally being stopped by the visiting defence.

Aspull then moved further clear as another try made it 25-12, a lead they were not to relinquish despite the efforts of the hosts.

Although the visitors picked up a yellow card, Oswestry could not take advantage, and were frustrated at having one attack held up on the line.

Andy Merritt was given a yellow card in the dying moments, with the Eagles left to reflect on another home defeat despite a brave display.

Hugh Adams received the Oswestry man-of-the-match award from guest of honour Stimpson.

The Eagles now face a daunting task on Saturday when they head to high flying Winnington Park who have won all nine league games to move five points clear at the top.

The second team are at home against Marple (2.15) in the North West League division four (south).

■ Welshpool remain in the lower reaches of the Welsh League division two (north) after going down 33-15 at home to Powys rivals Newtown.

The Maesydre side were in the hunt for an hour, but faltered late on as their visitors ran out ultimately convincing winners.

It was a far better performance than the week before when Pool crashed 74-0 at Bangor.

A try from captain and No8 Joe Stranks saw them trail 8-5 at the break, while Ryan Goodwin crossed the whitewash in the second period converted by Tom Wiliams who also kicked a penalty. But Newtown finished strongly, claiming a bonus point with five tries to boost their chances of pushing up the table.

National recognition for Revolution duo

AMERICAN FOOTBALL by Lewis Cox

ONE of the stars of Shropshire Revolution's unbeaten promotion season has turned his attentions to the national game.

Player-coach Andrew Morgan was delighted to take up the offer of coaching the Great Britain Lion's recent friendly game against Sweden in Gothenburg.

The 29-year-old, a regular feature for Stephen Tonks' Revolution side in their remarkable campaign this year as well as offensive co-ordinator, took the role of wide receiver coach with the Lions' side, who went down to a tense 15-12 defeat in Scandinavia.

Morgan was not Revolution's sole incumbent, as linebacker Alasdair Jarvis earned the call and a start.

Morgan, a teacher by trade, was pleased to see Shropshire representatives make the cut for the 60-strong roster, which heavily featured London-based players from London Blitz and London Warriors – whose players made up 31 of the squad.

"The two strongest teams are from London and a lot of the players were from there," said Morgan.

Experience

"It was nice to represent the country from different areas away from the capital. The sport is very amateur in this country, but when you're with the national programme, at the airport and everyone's there in the tracksuits representing the country, it looks cool.

"Everyone that plays looks to the national programme."

Morgan added: "It was really, really good fun. A great experience and I absolutely want to take it forward. We're looking at the plans for next year and have an idea to suggest a couple of the Shropshire lads go for try-outs in January.

"Alasdair started the game and had a good time playing. He first got in through trial matches against Russian and Czech teams at Worcester."

Next year are the European Championships in Finland. They are set to be contested by the Fins, Sweden, Denmark and Great Britain.

The recent friendly was set to act as a play-off qualifier but in the end it acted as a competitive friendly ahead of the 2018 showdown.

The squad enjoyed two training camps at Derby University in preparation for the Stockholm clash, that went down to the final play of the encounter.

Morgan, originally from Wolverhampton, also coaches and is the offensive co-ordinator for the

Zak motors in for third place in the Wales Rally

WELSHPOOL teenager Zak Hughes revelled on home surrounds to achieve a terrific top three finish in the 1600cc class in the Wales Rally GB - while also securing a win in the Suzuki Swift Series.

Hughes, and his and highly experienced co-driver Chris Evans, tackled the challenge on day one in the Mid Wales forests where the first few stages went well as they topped the time sheets in the Suzuki Swift Championship.

Although leading his championship comfortably, there was no let-up for Motorsport Association Academy driver Hughes who joined a battle for a top three overall in the 1600cc class.

By the end of day one, the pair were lying 28th overall and second in the 1600cc class, a huge achievement against the more advanced machinery competing.

That second day consisted of shorter stages but Hughes and Evans recorded three very good stage times, mixing times inside the top 20.

This would promote them to 23rd overall, whilst maintaining the Swift Championship lead and second in the 1600cc class.

Most important of all, winning the penultimate round of the Swift Championship would lead to Hughes being crowned the 2017 Swift Series champion, a fantastic achievement in just his first year of senior rallying.

"I am very happy to have won the 2017 Swift Championship with a fourth win in the series. To finish so high up the overall leader board on Wales Rally GB is also a fantastic achievement," said Hughes.

It was a great weekend for local drivers with Mid Wales ace Elfyn Evans stunning the FIA World Rally Championship with a magnificent 'home' victory on the Wales Rally GB.

Evans, from Dinas Mawddwy, led throughout the weekend to become the first Welshman to win the event, and the first Brit since Richard Burns in 2000.

Shropshire golf returns

HENLLE PARK

Stableford Div 1: Liam Mutch 35pts (cb); David Owen 35pts; Jim Fenn 35pts. Div 2: Colin Forsyth 30pts; Ian Harris 36pts; Edward Morris 31pts. **Stableford Div 1:** Michael Eaton 38pts; David S Jones 35 pts (cb); Cass Bothwell 35pts. Division 2: Scott Graham 38pts; Daniel Thomas 37pts; Colin Forsyth 36pts. Division 3: Alex Gunn 32 pts (cb); Steve Shum 32pts; Corey Morris 31pts.

Ladies' Stableford: Des Davies 32pts (cb); Kathy Evans 32pts; Michaela Pugh-Jones 30pts.

Seniors' Captain v Vice Captain Match Winner: Mr Senior Captain Steve Jones Team.

October Medal Division 1: John Postle nett 71 (cb); Alistair Wright nett 71; Chris Andrews nett 75. Division 2: Roger Harris nett 67; Gary Owen nett 69; Mike Cunningham nett 70.

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XMAS Comp 1 4BBB Stableford (Sat & Sun 21st & 22nd Oct): Dave Griffiths & Mike Shakeshaft 45pts; Rob Cass & Andy Knott 42; Ian Jones & Neil Morris 40; Andy Lloyd & Phil Ellis 39 (b9); Alun Lloyd & Gary Evans 39; Mike Ferguson & Dave Barbour 38 (b9); Dan Jones & Colin Jones 38 (b9); Tim Cook & Jake Cook 38.

Ladies' Autumn Stableford: 1 Paula Worden 32pts, 2 Annie Prince 30pts.

Round Robin (Bogey/Par Competition): 1 Annie Prince +1, 2 Gwenan Davies -1.

MILE END

Medal Division 1: Dave Smith 76-8-68; Adam Turner 81-12-69; Fred Crouch 80-11-69. Division 2: Jaz Heer 86-19-67; Colin Amyes 85-14-71; Cathal O'Gorman 92-19-73. Division 3: Richard Osborne 90-20-70; John E Roberts 91-20-71; Daniel McKay 100-27-73.

Ladies' Medal 1: Janice Turner 88-14-74; Angela Eke 92-16-76; Amanda Ord 89-13-76.

Team Texas Scramble Winners: Keith Evans, Di Bradbury, Colin Amyes, James Thornell 56.28. Runners Up: Jack Richardson, Tom Bailey, Ian Thomas, Dave Thomas 59.7.

Ladies' Stableford: Elspeth Cumpston 35pts; Moya Holmes 31pts; Clare Good 27pts.

Seniors' October Stableford Division 1: Martin Harris 35pts; Ron Pugh 35pts; Roger Edwards 34pts. Division 2: Paul Walton 35pts; Jeff Farminer 34pts; Alan Stewart 33pts.

Extra Stableford Division 1: Derek Birch 35pts; Dave Smith 32pts; John Northwood 31pts. Division 2: Tony Lockley 37pts; Anna Pugh 37pts; Jaz Heer 37pts. Division 3: Ben Hunter 38pts; Terry Owen 35pts; Bryan Jones 35pts.

OSWESTRY

Ladies' EG Medal Silver Div: Julia Taylor 95-19-75; Diane Jones 96-18-78 (cb); Margaret Ratcliff 95-17-78 (cb). Bronze Div: Dorothy Motram 108-27-81; Judy Mitchell 114-29-85; Anne Davies 107-22-87. Upper Bronze Division: Margaret Landgrebe 110-31-79; Gwyneth Baines-Jones 116-34-82; Jean Willaims 121-36-85.

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Wounded TNS look for special BRU

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

THE New Saints bid to shake of a rare setback when they tackle Queen of the South in the quarter-final of the IRN-BRU Cup at Park Hall on Sunday (2.45).

The Welsh Premier champions suffered a blip when losing 1-0 to visitors Barry Town last weekend, only their second defeat of the season that ended a 14-match unbeaten run.

Boss Scott Ruscoe will be banking on a positive response as the Saints look to maintain their challenge on four fronts this season.

"We had an off day, these things happen, and we've worked hard to put things right in training this week," he said.

"We had chances, had a lot of possession, but it wasn't to be, and we now move on and look ahead to Sunday which is another big game for us."

He added: "Queen of the South are a good side with a mix of youth and experience. It will be a tough test, a different challenge for us, but one we are looking forward to,

"We had a good run in this competition last season when we reached the semi-finals, and we want to go as far as we can this time and keep the interest going."

For the third successive round, the Saints can take comfort from having home advantage as they look to overcome their Scottish Championship visitors who will make a 400-mile round trip from Dumfries.

TNS' scheduled fixture at home to Llandudno has been switched from Saturday, November 18, to Friday, November 17 (7.45pm)

The change will accommodate their Nathaniel MG Cup semi-final clash at Connah's Quay on Monday, November 20.

McKenna on top in battle of ex-bosses

Ken McKenna – FA Cup glory

KEN McKenna got the better of Craig Harrison as the two most successful managers in the history of the Welsh Premier came face to face in the first round of the FA Cup.

Between them, the former TNS chiefs won a total of nine Welsh Premier titles as well as five Welsh Cups and four League Cups.

Both are now in the English system, with McKenna assistant at League Two club Morecambe while Harrison left the Saints in May to take over at National League side Hartlepool United.

And their paths crossed in the FA Cup last Saturday, as McKenna's Morecambe side ran out convincing 3-0 victors over Pools to progress to the second round.

Harrison's men were soon up against it after Shrimps leading scorer Kevin Ellison gave the hosts a fifth minute lead.

After being on the back foot for most of the first half, Pools improved after the break, but an Andrew Fleming goal in the 67th minute and a late Scott Loach own goal sealed their fate.

Harrison was named Vanarama National League manager of the month for October.

McKenna led TNS to three runners-up spots in the Welsh Premier before winning three successive titles in 2004/5, 2005/6 and 2006/7 as well as Welsh Cup success against Carmarthen in 2005 and the League Cup in 2005/6.

Harrison became director of football at TNS in December 2011 and went on to steer the club to a host of honours, including six consecutive league titles, four Welsh Cups and three League Cups.

Craig Harrison – out in round one

LLAN HANDED PREMIER TEST

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

LOWER ranked Llanrhaeadr will be relishing the chance of pulling off another Welsh Cup upset after being drawn at home to Cefn Druids in next month's third round.

Having dispatched two Cymru Alliance sides in Queens Park and Caersws, the Spar Mid Wales League men now face an even tougher assignment against the Ancients who are going well in the Welsh Premier this season.

But they will fancy their chances on home soil – while the Druids will not be savouring their trip to Mid Wales after crashing 4-1 at Llanfair United in the fourth round last season.

Should they pull off a surprise on Saturday, December 2, Llanrhaeadr will reach the last 16 of the competition for only the second time in the club's history.

"It's a mouth-watering tie," said vice chairman Phil Roberts."The good thing about it is that we're at home, and looking at the draw, a lot of the smaller clubs have not been so lucky."

THE NEW SAINTS, last season's beaten finalists, have landed a favourable home tie with Cymru Alliance side Penrhyncoch.

Six times winners of the competition, the Saints lifted the trophy for three consecutive years before losing to Bala Town in last season's final.

"At this stage of the draw, you could be going anywhere, to teams you've hardly heard of, so we've been fortunate to be at home," said manager Scott Ruscoe.

Holders Bala Town have been drawn away to Aberystwyth Town, while Barry Town United. who won 1-0 away to TNS in the Welsh Premier on Saturday, visit Cymru Alliance leaders Caernarfon Town.

Ties to be played the weekend of December 2-3.

Wounded Welshpool take break

No8 Joe Stranks crashes over for Welshpool's first try in their 33-15 defeat to Newtown

COBRA are guaranteed a place in the last 16 of the WRU Bowl after being handed a bye in the fourth round.

The Meifod side fought back to defeat Crymych's second string 22-16 in the previous round to ensure they will still be in the competition in the new year.

Having had no Welsh League division two (north) action last week, COBRA resume duty at Shotton Steel on Saturday.

Local rivals **WELSHPOOL** have no game this weekend - giving them chance to regroup after their 33-15 loss at home to Newtown left them second bottom in the league.

Pool were in the hunt with tries from Joe Stranks and Ryan Goodwin before their challenge faded.

Meanwhile, **OSWESTRY** face a daunting task on Saturday when they visit unbeaten leaders Winnington Park in the South Lancs and Cheshire Two.

The Eagles slipped to seventh after their 25-12 loss to promotion chasing Wigan visitors Aspull last weekend.

Guils handed Newtown trip in Welsh Cup

A SHORT trip awaits Guilsfield who have been drawn away to Powys rivals Newtown in the third round of the JD Welsh Cup.

The villagers may be underdogs for next month's tie on the 3G pitch at Latham Park, but can take confidence from their own form and the fact the Robins have struggled in the Welsh Premier this term.

They have been more than capable of pulling off shocks in recent times, and dumped Cardiff Met University out last season before losing to Bala Town in the quarter-finals.

"We had a great run in the cup last year, and it would be nice to do it again," said boss Nathan Leonard.

"It's great for the profile of the club as these games attract the attention of the Sgorio TV cameras."

The Guils reached the third round courtesy of a thrilling last-gasp 3-2 win at Cymru Alliance rivals Holywell Town.

"It was a proper cup tie, end to end," added Leonard.

"When we went 2-1 down with a few minutes to go, you feared the worst, but the lads picked themselves up and were fantastic to come back the way they did against a strong Holywell side."

A quirk of the fixtures sees Guilsfield face Holywell again on Saturday - this time at home in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance.

Asa Hamilton and Sam Litchfield will miss the encounter though suspension, so Danny Barton and James Henderson could be added to the squad.

Keeper Andy Wycherley, on loan from TNS, also returns after being ineligible last weekend.

Welshpool aim to get back on track

WELSHPOOL Town will look to get back on track in the Spar Mid Wales League division one when they welcome Aberaeron on Saturday (2.30).

The league leaders have been in fine form this term, but suffered a jolt after crashing 5-1 at Bow Street - only their second league loss.

Lying fourth, and six points off the pace, Llanfair United will be out to stay in touch with the leaders when they entertain struggling Borth United

Berriew, after their Welsh Cup exit at Cymru Alliance leaders Caernarfon Town, return to league duty at Kerry.

Elsewhere, fortunes picked up for **ST MARTINS** who showed their worth with a terrific 5-0 victory at Team Dudley to boost hopes in the West Midlands League division one.

"A win like that has been on the cards, and 5-0 did not flatter us," said boss Dan Stevens.

FC OSWESTRY TOWN entertain Backup Borough on Saturday (3pm) as they look to continue their improvements in the North West Counties League division one.

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